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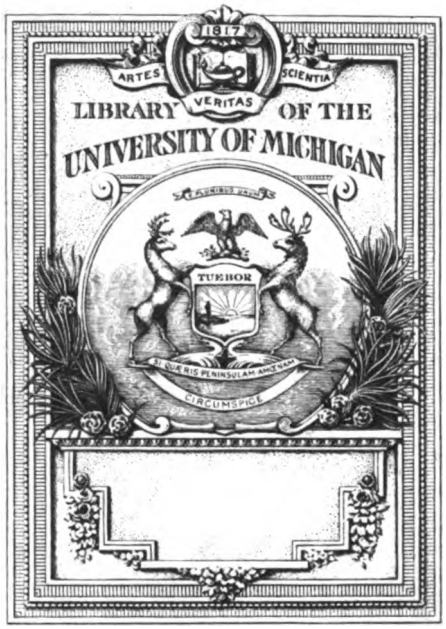

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PREFACE

Orders of Battle for the fifteen regular British divisions which served in the Great War were given in Part 1 of this series. Part 2-A gave the Orders of Battle of twenty Territorial Force divisions (five mounted, fourteen 1st-line, and one 2nd-line). This Part (2-B) contains the Orders of Battle of eighteen divisions : thirteen 2nd-line Territorial Force divisions (57th–69th), three home-service divisions (71st–73rd), and the 74th and 75th Divisions.*

Succeeding parts of this series, each giving about fifteen divisions, will be as follows : (3-A and B), New Army Divisions ; and (4-A and B), Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, and Indian Divisions. The series will be concluded with a volume dealing with G.H.Q.s, Armies, and Corps.

The eighteen divisions contained in this Part were war-time formations ; not a single one was in existence at the outbreak of the Great War. Of the eighteen divisions, nine served abroad in various theatres of war ; the other nine remained at home, and at different times were responsible for a share in Home Defence.

In raising men for the Territorial Force during 1914–1918, London bore its full share. The capital produced one-seventh of the whole Territorial Force of England and Wales ; over 450,000 men passed through the ranks of the London units. During the Great War, London Territorial Force units served on the Western Front (in France and Belgium), in Egypt, in Gallipoli, in Macedonia, in Palestine, and in North Russia, as well as in Turkey (1919–1922).

So far as the record of service in the field is concerned, the tables and narratives of the nine divisions which served in the field have been compiled from the existing war diaries, kept in the field by the formations and units. For the service at Home, however, the war diaries of these divisions are laconic, or do not exist at all, although this period covers the formation, raising, equipping, and training of these new formations. Probably the numerous difficulties which had to be surmounted in the early days were regarded merely as matters of routine, or it was not thought worth the trouble of recording many of the improvisations and temporary expedients which had to be adopted to meet the urgent needs of the first fifteen months.

The compilation of the tables and narratives of the nine home-service divisions was even more difficult and more arduous than recording the changes in composition and the services of the nine divisions which served in the field. In preparing the record of the home-service divisions, the chief difficulty to be overcome was the few orders or diaries which exist for these divisions. A comparison will make this clear : for the 4th Division (which served throughout the war in the field) 162 boxes are available in the Military Branch, 30 boxes exist for the 66th Division (which went to France in March, 1917), and there are 29 boxes for the 75th Division (which was not formed until June, 1917, at el 'Arish). The whole of the available records, however, for the nine home-service divisions only require 14 boxes. Even such diaries as do exist are often not very informative. The only entry for October, 1915, in the diary of one home-service battalion ran : " *I beg to submit a Nil Return please* "—merely providing a distressing example of italics

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* The two last-named divisions were formed in the Egyptian Expeditionary Force in 1917. The infantry of the 74th Division at first consisted of dismounted yeomanry regiments, and it was intended that the infantry of the 75th Division should be composed of Territorial Force battalions from India. To complete the war record of the Territorial Force, and to facilitate reference, the tables of the 74th and 75th Divisions are included in this Part.

The 70th Division was never formed.

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and the please-habit. With the opening of 1916 the majority of the existing home-service diaries became nil returns; and on the 1st April, 1916, arrived the fatal order: "Units are no longer required to render war diaries." No order was ever obeyed with such alacrity and thoroughness.

In the absence of war diaries, the record of these nine home-service divisions has been completed from returns, tables, and a few printed sources. Several officers, who served with the home-service divisions, have given valuable assistance, and for this help I am indeed grateful.

In the narratives, contained in this Part, a considerable amount of the available space has been allotted to the description of the raising and training of the 2nd-line Territorial Force divisions. The time which elapsed before any 2nd-line division was able to embark for a theatre of war is amply explained by the difficulties which confronted these divisions in the first fifteen months of their existence, the slowness with which arms and equipment arrived, and the constant provision of drafts for the 1st-line formations which were already in the field.

As in the previous Parts of this series, the lists of Commanders and Staff Officers do not show temporary changes due to absences on short leave, at short courses, and at schools of instruction.

In the Divisional Tables each considerable change in composition is shown. In any case, the organization of the division is given for each year, and at one or more important periods in its history.

The numerous reorganizations and re-designations of the field artillery brigades and batteries are given in the notes to the various tables.

In the lists of Battles and Engagements occasional deviations have been made from the lists given in the *Report of the Battles Nomenclature Committee* (published in 1921), in order to include actions of which a division has reason to be proud. In every case, after the battle in which a division fought, the corps and Army in which the division served at the time is given in square brackets. If a division did not happen to be engaged during a whole year in some specific action, then only the year is shown, but this signifies that the division was on active service in the field during this period.

In the lists, the words "Action" and "Affair" have been omitted and only the date and name of these engagements are given.* The periods when the divisional artillery, engineers, and pioneers were left in the line, after the relief of a division, are not shown.

Neither the attachments to a division of Army field artillery brigades (formed in France early in 1917, after the final reorganization of the divisional artilleries), nor the attachment of R.G.A. brigades, are shown in the General Notes to the Tables. All other attachments are given either in the Tables or in the General Notes. In order that the Tables shall be as clear as possible, the numerous notes are printed on the page following each Table.

The first four Appendices at the end of this Part give short descriptions of the following: (1) The Central Force, and (1-A) its Commanders; (2) Graduated Battalions; (3) The 90-mm. gun; and (4) Work of the Army Ordnance Department at Home, 1914–1918.

Appendices (5), (6), and (7) give the War Establishments of 57th (2nd/West Lancashire) Division (England), 1915; 58th (2nd/1st London) Division (France), 1918; and 60th (2nd/2nd London) Division (Palestine), 1918. Appendices (8), (9), and (10) give the War Establishments for Home Defence of 73rd Division, 1917; 69th (2nd/East Anglian) Division, 1918; and The Cyclist Division, 1918.

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* The Actions of Villers Bretonneux, 24th and 25th April, 1918, are shown as "24 and 25 April, Villers Bretonneux."

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Each divisional story was submitted for comment to the general officer who commanded the division at the end of the Great War. In addition, the story of the division was sent to the general officer in command of the division of the Territorial Army which is the present-day descendant of the particular 1st-line Territorial Force division which took part in the Great War. Copies were sent to any officer who had served for a long period with a division, and many Territorial Army Associations had copies submitted to them. I am very grateful to all the divisional commanders and other officers who have assisted in checking and correcting these tables and for providing additional information. I have also received a considerable amount of assistance both from the War Office Library and from " R " Records, War Office. Without the help of the latter many dates could not have been recovered.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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A.

(A.-A.)	(Anti-Aircraft).
A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.	Assistant-Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General.
A.C.C.	Army Cyclist Corps (Home Service).
A. & S.H.	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.
A.F.A. Bde.	Army Field Artillery Brigade.
A.H.Q.	Army Head-Quarters.
Amb. or Ambce.	Ambulance.
Ammn. Coln.	Ammunition Column.
Ammn. Park	Ammunition Park.
A.R.O.	Army Routine Order.
Arty.	Artillery.
A.S.C.	Army Service Corps.
A.T.	Army Troops.
Aux.	Auxiliary.

B.

B.A.C.	Brigade Ammunition Column.
Bde.	Brigade.
Bedf.	Bedfordshire Regiment.
Bedf. Yeo.	Bedfordshire Yeomanry.
B.E.F.	British Expeditionary Force.
Berks.	Berkshire.
B.F.T.	British Forces in Turkey.
B.-G., R.A.	Brigadier-General, Commanding Royal Artillery.
B.-G., R.H.A.	Brigadier-General, Commanding Royal Horse Artillery.
B.L.	Breech-loader.
B.L.C.	B.L. Converted.
Bn.	Battalion.
Bord.	Border Regiment.
Br.-Gen.	Brigadier-General.
Bty.	Battery.
Bucks.	Buckinghamshire.
Buffs	Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
B.W.	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).
B.W.I.	British West Indies Regiment.

C.

Camb.	Cambridgeshire Regiment.
Cam. H.	Cameron Highlanders.
Cav.	Cavalry.
C.B.	Cavalry Brigade.
C.C.S.	Casualty Clearing Station.
cd.	command
C.D.M.T. Coy.	Cavalry Divisional Mechanical Transport Company.
Cdn.	Canadian.
C.F.A.	Combined Field Ambulance.
C.G.	Coldstream Guards.
Ches.	Cheshire Regiment.
C.I.	Central India.
Col.-Cdt.	Colonel-Commandant.
Comp.	Composite.
Conn. Rang.	Connaught Rangers.
Co.	County.
Coy.	Company.
Cos.	Companies.
C.-R.E.	Commanding Royal Engineers.
C.-R.H.A.	Commanding Royal Horse Artillery.

D.

d.	died.
D.A.C.	Divisional Ammunition Column.
D.C.L.I.	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
D.E. Coy.	Divisional Employment Company.
Detnt.	Detachment.
Devon.	Devonshire Regiment.
D.G.	Dragoon Guards.
Dgns.	Dragoons.
Disembkd.	Disembarked.
Disembkn.	Disembarkation.
Div.	Division.
Divnl.	Divisional.
D.L.I.	Durham Light Infantry.
D.M.C.	Desert Mounted Corps.
D. of L. Own Yeo.	Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.
d. of w.	died of wounds.
Dorset.	Dorsetshire Regiment.
Duke's	Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

E.

E.	East ; or Eastern.
E.E.F.	Egyptian Expeditionary Force.
E. Lanc.	East Lancashire Regiment.
Embkd.	Embarked.
Emplnt. or Emplynt.	Employment.
Eng.	Engineers.
Entg. Bn.	Entrenching Battalion.
Essex	Essex Regiment.
E. Surr.	East Surrey Regiment.
evacd.	evacuated.
E. York.	East Yorkshire Regiment.

F.

Fd.	Field.

G.

(G.)	(Graduated Battalion).
Garr. Gd.	Garrison Guard Battalion.
G. B. or Garr. Bn.	Garrison Battalion.
Gds.	Guards.
G.G.	Grenadier Guards.
G.H.Q.	General Headquarters.
Glam.	Glamorganshire.
Glouc.	Gloucestershire Regiment.
G.O.C.	General Officer Commanding.
Gord. H.	Gordon Highlanders.
Gr. How.	Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).
G.S.O.1.	General Staff Officer (1st Grade).

H.

(H.)	(Howitzer).
H.A.C.	Honourable Artillery Company.
Hants.	Hampshire Regiment.
H.A.R.	Heavy Artillery Reserve.
H.B.	Heavy Battery.

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H.D. Trps.	Home Defence Troops.
Hereford.	Herefordshire.
Herts.	Hertfordshire Regiment.
H.L.I.	Highland Light Infantry.
Home Cties.	Home Counties.
Househ'd.	Household.
How. Bde.	Howitzer Brigade.
How. Bty.	Howitzer Battery.
H.Q.	Headquarters.
Hsrs.	Hussars.
H.T.	Horse Transport.
H.T.M.B.	Heavy Trench Mortar Battery.
Hy. Bde.	Heavy Brigade.
Hy. Bty. A.C.	Heavy Battery Ammunition Column.

I.

I.G.	Irish Guards.
Ind.	Indian.
Inf.	Infantry.
Ir.	Irish.
It.	Italian.

K.

k. or kd.	killed.
K.E. Horse	King Edward's Horse.
K.G.O.	King George's Own.
King's	King's (Liverpool Regiment).
K.O.	King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment).
K.O.S.B.	King's Own Scottish Borderers.
K.O.Y.L.I.	King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry.)
K.R.R.C.	King's Royal Rifle Corps.
K.S.L.I.	King's (Shropshire Light Infantry).

L.

Lcrs.	Lancers.
Leic.	Leicestershire Regiment.
Leic. Yeo.	Leicestershire Yeomanry.
Leins.	Leinster Regiment.
L.F.	Lancashire Fusiliers.
L.G.	Life Guards.
L.I.	Light Infantry.
Linc.	Lincolnshire Regiment.
L.N.L.	Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
L. of C.	Line of Communications.
Lond.	London Regiment.
L.R.B.	London Rifle Brigade.
L.S.	London Scottish.
L.Sec.	Left Section.

M.

Manch.	Manchester Regiment.
Med.	Medium.
M.E.F.	Mediterranean Expeditionary Force [Gallipoli].
M.G.C.	Machine Gun Corps.
M.G. Coy.	Machine-Gun Company.
M.G. Sec.	Machine-Gun Section.
M.G. Sqdn.	Machine-Gun Squadron.
M.I.	Mounted Infantry.
Midd'x.	Middlesex Regiment.
Midld.	Midland.
Mk.	Mark.
M.M.G.	Motor Machine Gun.
Mobn.	Mobilization.
Mob. Vety. Sec.	Mobile Veterinary Section.
Mon. or Monm'th.	Monmouthshire Regiment.
Montgom.	Montgomeryshire.
M.T.	Mechanical Transport.
Mtd.	Mounted.
Mtn.	Mountain.

N.

N.	North ; or Northern.
Newf'dld.	Newfoundland.
N.F.	Northumberland Fusiliers.
N. Irish H.	North Irish Horse.
N.M. Fd. Coy.	North Midland Field Company.
Norf.	Norfolk Regiment.
Northants. Yeo.	Northamptonshire Yeomanry.
North'bn.	Northumbrian.
North'd.	Northumberland.
North'n.	Northamptonshire Regiment.
N. Som.	North Somerset.
N. Staff.	North Staffordshire Regiment.
N.S.W.	New South Wales.
N.Z. & A.	New Zealand and Australian.

O.

O. & B.L.I.	Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
offrs.	officers.
o.r.	other ranks.

P.

(P.)	(Pioneers).
P.E.	Peace Establishment.
Pemb.	Pembrokeshire.
P.P.C.L.I.	Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.
P.O. Rif.	Post Office Rifles.
Provl.	Provisional.
P.W.O.	Prince of Wales's Own.

Q.

Q.O.O. Hsrs.	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars.
Q.O.R.R. Staff. Yeo.	Queen's Own Royal Regiment, Staffordshire Yeomanry.
Queen's	Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment.)
Q.V. Rif.	Queen Victoria's Rifles.
Q.W. Rif.	Queen's Westminster Rifles.

R.

R.	Royal.
R.A.F.	Royal Air Force.
R.A.S.C.	Royal Army Service Corps.
R.B.	Rifle Brigade.
R. Berks.	Royal Berkshire Regiment.
R. Cdn. H.A. Bde.	Royal Canadian Horse Artillery Brigade.
R.D.F.	Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
R.E.	Royal Engineers.
Regt.	Regiment.
R.F.	Royal Fusiliers.
R.F.A.	Royal Field Artillery.
Rfts.	Reinforcements.
R.G.A.	Royal Garrison Artillery.
R. Guern. L.I.	Royal Guernsey Light Infantry.
R.H.A.	Royal Horse Artillery.
R.H.G.	Royal Horse Guards.
Rid.	Riding.
R. Innis. F.	Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
R. Ir. F.	Royal Irish Fusiliers.
R. Ir. Regt.	Royal Irish Regiment.
R. Ir. Rif.	Royal Irish Rifles.
R.M.F.	Royal Munster Fusiliers.
R.M.L.I.	Royal Marine Light Infantry.
R.N.A.C.D.	Royal Naval Armoured Car Division.
R.N.D.	Royal Naval Division.
R. Scots	Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment).
R. Sec.	Right Section.
R.S.F.	Royal Scots Fusiliers.
R. Suss.	Royal Sussex Regiment.
R.W.	Royal Warrant.
R. War.	Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
R.W.F.	Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
R.W.K.	Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

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S.

S.	South ; or Southern.
S.A.	South African.
S.A.A. Sec.	Small-Arm-Ammunition Section.
S.B.	Siege Battery.
S.B.A.C.	Siege Battery Ammunition Column.
Sco. Rif.	The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).
Sea. H.	Seaforth Highlanders.
Sec. or Secn.	Section.
S.G.	Scots Guards.
Sher. For.	Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment).
Sig.	Signal.
S. Irish H.	South Irish Horse.
S. Lanc.	South Lancashire Regiment.
S. & M.	Sappers & Miners.
S.M. Fd. Coy.	South Midland Field Company.
Som. L.I.	Somerset Light Infantry.
Sqdn.	Squadron.
S. Staff.	South Staffordshire Regiment.
Suff.	Suffolk Regiment.
S. & T. Coln.	Supply & Transport Column.
S.W.B.	South Wales Borderers.

T.

T.A.	Territorial Army.

T—*continued.*

Tempy.	Temporary.
T.F.	Territorial Force.
T.M. Bty.	Trench Mortar Battery.
Trp.	Troop.

U.

U.K.	United Kingdom.

V.

Vety.	Veterinary.

W.

W.	West ; or Western.
w. or wd.	wounded.
War.	Warwickshire.
W.E.	War Establishment.
Welsh	Welsh Regiment.
W.G.	Welsh Guards.
Wilts.	Wiltshire Regiment.
Worc.	Worcestershire Regiment.
W. Rid.	West Riding.
W. York.	West Yorkshire Regiment.

Y.

Y. & L.	York & Lancaster Regiment.
Yeo.	Yeomanry.

NOTE.—To save space, some place-names have occasionally been shortened, e.g. :—

Burton-on-Trent appears as Burton,
Hebburn-on-Tyne „ Hebburn,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne „ Newcastle,
etc.

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57TH (2ND/WEST LANCASHIRE) DIVISION

G.O.C.

5 November, 1914	Br.-Gen. F. A. ADAM (acting).
April, 1915	Major-General J. B. FORSTER.
20 October, 1916...	Lieut.-General R. G. BROADWOOD (d. of w., 21/6/17).
21 June, 1917	Br.-Gen. J. C. WRAY (acting).
1 July, 1917	Major-General R. W. R. BARNES.

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10 Dec., 1914	Major G. A. CARLETON (acting).
April, 1915	Major A. H. BARTHORP (acting).
26 Aug., 1915	Lt.-Col. E. B. C. BODDAM.
16 July, 1916	Lt.-Col. C. J. L. ALLANSON.
27 July, 1917	Lt.-Col. J. R. WETHERED.
[12 Nov., 1918	Lt.-Col. C. C. FOSS, V.C.]

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

23 Nov., 1914	Major H. W. COBHAM (acting).
April, 1915	Colonel J. G. PANTON.
3 Jan., 1916	Lt.-Col. W. M. STEWART.

B.-G., R.A.

10 Jan., 1915	Colonel G. KYFFIN-TAYLOR (acting).
April, 1915	Br.-Gen. J. J. MACMAHON.
30 Sept., 1915	Colonel G. KYFFIN-TAYLOR (acting).
6 Jan., 1916	Br.-Gen. F. B. ELMSLIE.
17 April, 1916	Br.-Gen. J. C. WRAY.
16 Aug., 1918	Br.-Gen. W. C. E. RUDKIN.

C.R.E.

April, 1915	Lt.-Col. G. E. SAYCE.
9 July, 1916	Lt.-Col. H. LA T. CAMPBELL (wd., 5/10/18).
5 Oct., 1918	Major C. L. FOX (acting).
20 Oct., 1918	Lt.-Col. P.O. L. JORDAN.

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170th BDE.

(2nd/1st N. Lancashire)

4 Nov., '14...Col. J. H. CAMPBELL.
April, '15...Colonel S. H. HARRISON.
28 Jan., '16...Br.-Gen. J. J. F. HUME.
28 Aug., '16...Br.-Gen. S. P. ROLT.
15 Dec., '16...Br.-Gen. A. MARTYN.
10 May, '17...Lt.-Col. C. F. HITCHINS (acting).
12 May, '17...Br.-Gen. F. G. GUGGISBERG.
16 July, '18...Br.-Gen. G. F. BOYD.
5 Sept., '18...Br.-Gen. A. L. RANSOME.

171st BDE.

(2nd/1st Liverpool)

4 Nov., '14...Col. S. H. HARRISON.
April, '15...Br.-Gen. A. R. GILBERT.
7 April, '17...Br.-Gen. H. N. BRAY (injured, 21/9/17).
21 Sept., '17...Lt.-Col. O. H. NORTH (acting).
23 Sept., '17...Br.-Gen. F. C. LONGBOURNE (wd., 5/10/18).
5 Oct., '18...Lt.-Col. HON. N. C. GATHORNE-HARDY (acting).
11 Oct., '18...Br.-Gen. G. MEYNELL.

172nd BDE.

(2nd/1st S. Lancashire)

6 Jan., '15...Col. O. J. H. BALL.
April, '15...Br.-Gen. A. L. MACFIE.
25 Aug., '16...Br.-Gen. G. C. B. PAYNTER (wd., 4/10/18).
4 Oct., '18...Lt.-Col. M. E. MAKGILL-CRICHTON-MAITLAND (acting).
25 Oct., '18...Br.-Gen. G. C. B. PAYNTER.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 57th Division :—

1st West Lancashire Division Artillery, from April, 1915–September, 1915.

1st Lancashire Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (4, 4·7″ guns), joined the 57th (2nd/West Lancashire) Division in April, 1915, after the West Lancashire Division had been broken up to reinforce the B.E.F. in France. The Heavy Battery served with the 57th (2nd/W. Lanc.) Division until December, 1915. On 28/12/15 the Heavy Battery left the 57th Division for Woolwich, to prepare for service overseas. The Heavy Battery disembarked at le Havre on 26/1/16, and on 1/2/16 it joined XXIX Heavy Brigade, R.G.A., near Bray, on the Somme Front.

2nd/1st Lancashire Heavy Battery, R.G.A., moved from Blackpool on 25/11/15, joined the 57th Division at Canterbury on 26/11/15, and received 4, 4·7″ guns from Southampton on 29/12/15. The Heavy Battery did not go to France with the 57th Division, but went independently. The Hy. Bty. disembked. at le Havre on 1/7/16, and on 4/7/16 it was attached to II Anzac Corps, near Erquinghem. On 4/8/16 the Hy. Bty. joined LII H.A.G.

2/4/King's Own served with the 170th Bde. from formation until 20/10/15, when the Bn. left the Bde. and proceeded to Blackpool. The Bn. was replaced in the 170th Bde. by 4/5/L.N.L.

4/5/L.N.L. left Bolton on 21/10/15, and joined 170th Bde. at Ashford on 22/10/15.

1/Lancashire Hussars left the 57th Division on 29/10/15 (1 sqdn.) and 14/11/15 (2 sqdns.) to join 30th, 31st, and 35th Divisions as Divisional Cavalry.

1/Kent Cyclist Bn. raised in 1908 as 6/R.W.K. (Cyclists), the Bn. became 1/Kent Cyclist Bn. in 1910 (headquarters at Tonbridge). At the outbreak of the Great War the Bn. was employed on coast defence and became attached to 57th Div. The Bn. was employed watching the coast between the Swale and Rye, with a detachment in the Medway defences. On 24/11/15 Bn. concentrated at Canterbury. On 2/12/15 Bn. left 57th Div., moved to Chiseldon, and joined a brigade consisting of 2/6/R. Suss., 1/9/Hants., and 1/25/Lond., and the 4 battalions were all converted from cyclists into infantry bns. Mobilized first of all for East Africa and then for Egypt, 1/1/Kent sailed for India on 8/2/16 and disembarked at Bombay on 3/3/16. 1/1/Kent went to Bangalore and was brigaded again with 2/6/R. Suss., 1/9/Hants., and 1/25/Lond. On 10/12/16 the Bde. moved to Burhan, and 1/1/Kent was posted to 44th Ind. Bde., 16th Ind. Div. Between 4/3–15/4/17 Bn. (in 44th Bde.) served with South Waziristan F.F. ; from 22/4–23/5/17 the Bn. was at Dalhousie ; and from 30/5–18/8/17 the Bn. (in 44th Bde.) formed part of North Waziristan F.F. On 25/8/17 the Bn. returned to Dalhousie and remained there until it mobilized for Baluchistan on 5/3/18. Bn. (in 44th Bde.) was employed in Baluchistan from 11/3–1/5/18, returned to Dalhousie until April, 1919, was engaged in quelling the Punjab riots (12–27/4/19) ; and between 19/5–17/8/19 took part with 44th Bde., 16th Div., in the 3rd Afghan War, in the neighbourhood of Peshawar. Bn. then served at Dagshai from 21/8–3/11/19 ; sailed for England on 8/11/19 ; and disembarked at Plymouth on 6/12/19. Bn. was then demobilized and again became 1/Kent Cyclist Bn. In Feb., 1920, 1/Kent Cyclist Bn. was disbanded.

57th (West Lancashire) Sanitary Section went to France with the Division. The Sanitary Section left the Division on 15/4/17 and was transferred to a Second Army Sanitary Area.

XI Corps Mtd. Troops (1/K.E.H. and 11/Cyclist Bn.) were attached to the 57th Div. from 21/10–9/11/18.

By 6/2/18 the reorganization of the division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and on 28/2/18 the pioneer battalion was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

57th Division Artillery (H.Q., R.A., and CCLXXXV and CCLXXXVI Brigades), 57th D.A.C., and 505 Coy., A.S.C., were engaged from 9th–29th April, 1918, in the Battles of the Lys, under XV Corps (First Army, until noon, 12/4/18 ; then in Second Army).

The following **Portuguese** troops were attached to the 57th Division during the Final Advance :

	IV Portuguese Fd. Arty. Bde.	from 17/10/18– 1/11/18 ;
	1st Portuguese Fd. Coy.	from 17/10/18– 1/11/18 ;
	14th Portuguese Bn.	from 2/11/18–15/11/18 ;
	15th Portuguese Bn.	from 29/10/18–15/11/18 ;
and	5th Portuguese Fd. Amb.	from 1/11/18–15/11/18.

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57TH[A] (2ND/WEST LANCASHIRE) DIVISION · ORDER OF BATTLE, 1915-1918

Dates	INFANTRY: Brigades	INFANTRY: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Brigades	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Batteries	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	ARTILLERY: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 November (England)	170th[A] (2/1/N. Lanc.) 171st[A] (2/1/Liverpool) 172nd[A] (2/1/S.Lanc.)	2/5/K.O., 2/4/L.N.L., 2/5/L.N.L., 4/5/L.N.L. 2/5/King's, 2/6/King's, 2/7/King's, 2/8/King's. 2/9/King's, 2/10/King's, 2/4/S. Lanc., 2/5/S. Lanc.	1st W.[1] Lanc. Div. Cyclist Coy.	2/I W. Lanc.[2] 2/II W. Lanc[2] 2/III W. Lanc.[2] 2/IV W. Lanc.[2] (H.)	2/1/Lanc., 2/2/Lanc., 2/3/Lanc. 2/9/Lanc., 2/10/Lanc., 2/11/Lanc. 2/12/Lanc., 2/13/Lanc., 2/14/Lanc. 2/7/Lanc. (H.), 2/8/Lanc .(H.)	2/1/W. Lanc. 2/II/W. Lanc. 2/III/W.Lanc. 2/IV/W.Lanc. (H.)	...	...	57th (2/1/W. Lanc.) D.A.C.	2/1/W. Lanc.[3] 2/2/W. Lanc.[3] 1/3/W. Lanc.[3]	1st. W. Lanc.[4]	...	...	2/1/W. Lanc.[5] 1/2/W. Lanc.[6] 1/3/W. Lanc.[5]	...	...	57th (1/1/W). Lanc.
1916 September (England)	170th ..... 171st ..... 172nd.....	2/5/K.O., 2/4/L.N.L., 2/5/L.N.L., 4/5/L.N.L. 2/5/King's, 2/6/King's, 2/7/King's, 2/8/King's. 2/9/King's, 2/10/King's, 2/4/S. Lanc., 2/5/S. Lanc.	A.Sqdn.* 2/1/Bedf. Yeo. 57th* Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCLXXXV[7; 20] ... (2/I W. Lanc.) CCLXXXVI[7; 21]... (2/II W. Lanc.) CCLXXXVII[7; 22] (2/III W. Lanc.)	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B ; C (H.), D (H.)	...	...	...	57th D.A.C.	1/3/W. Lanc.[8] 1/3/ Wessex[9] 2/3/ Wessex[9]	57th[10] (2/1/W. Lanc.)	...	...	2/2/ Wessex[11] 2/3/ Wessex[11] 3/2/ W. Lanc.[11]	57th	...	57th
1917 June (France)	170th ..... 171st ..... 172nd.....	2/5/K.O., 2/4/L.N.L., 2/5/L.N.L.,[12] 4/5/L.N.L.; [13] 170th M.G. Coy. ; [14] ; [32] 170th T.M. Bty.[15] 2/5/King's,[16] 2/6/King's, 2/7/King's, 2/8/King's ;[17] 171st M.G. Coy. ;[14] ; [32] 171st T.M. Bty.[15] 2/9/King's,[18] 2/10/King's, 2/4/S. Lanc., 2/5/S. Lanc. ;[19] 172nd M.G. Coy ; [14] ; [32] 172nd T.M. Bty.[15]	...	CCLXXXV[20] CCLXXXVI[21]	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	X.57[23] Y.57[23] Z.57[23]	W.57[24]	57th D.A.C.	421[25](1/3/ W. Lanc.) 502[25] (1/ 3/Wessex) 505[25] (2/ 3/Wessex)	57th	...	173rd[26] M.-G. Coy.	2/2/ Wessex 2/3/ Wessex 3/2/ W. Lanc.	57th	248th[27]	57th[28]
1918 March (France)	170th ..... 171st ..... 172nd.....	2/5/K.O., 2/4/L.N.L., 1/5/L.N.L. ;[13] 170th T.M. Bty. 2/6/King's, 2/7/King's, 8/King's ;[17] 171st T.M. Bty. 9/King's,[18] 2/10/King's,[29] 2/4/S. Lanc. ; 172nd T.M. Bty.	...	CCLXXXV ... CCLXXXVI...	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	X.57[30] * Y.57[30]	...[31]	57th D.A.C.	421st 502nd 505th	57th	2/5/L.N. L.[12] (P.)	No. 57 Bn.,[32] M.G.C.	2/2/ Wessex 2/3/ Wessex 3/2/ W. Lanc.	57th	248th	57th
1918 May (France)	170th ..... 171st ..... 172nd.....	2/5/K.O., 2/4/L.N.L., 1/5/L.N.L. ; 170th T.M. Bty. 2/6/King's, 2/7/King's, 8/King's ; 171st T.M. Bty. 9/King's, 2/4/S. Lanc., 1/R.M.F. ;[33] 172nd T.M. Bty.	...	CCLXXXV ... CCLXXXVI...	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	X.57 Y.57	...	57th D.A.C.	421st 502nd 505th	57th	2/5/ L.N.L. (P.)	No. 57 Bn., M.G.C.	2/2/ Wessex 2/3/ Wessex 3/2/ W. Lanc.	57th	248th	57th

* These units did not accompany 57th Division to France.

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NOTES

A. In August, 1915, the West Lancashire 2nd-line Division and Infantry Brigades were given numbers—Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.

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1 Left the Div. on 7/12/15.

2 The 2nd-line Artillery joined the Div. at Canterbury, 16-19/9/15, from Weeton (Lancashire). The 1st-line Artillery left the Div. for France, 27-30/9/15. In July, 1916, 2/IV/W. Lanc.(H.) was broken up and batteries became D(H.)/CCLXXXV and D(H.)/CCLXXXVI.

3 2/1/W. Lanc. and 2/2/W. Lanc. Fd. Cos. left the Div. on 8/12/15; they joined 55th Div. in France on 16 and 17/1/16. In 1917 they were numbered 422nd and 423rd.

4 Left the Div. on 8/12/15.

5 2/1/W. Lanc. and 1/3/W. Lanc. Fd. Ambces. left the Div. on 7/12/15. 1/3/W. Lanc. and 2/1/W. Lanc. joined 55th Div. in France on 16 and 17/1/16.

6 1/2/W. Lanc. Fd. Amb. left the Div. on 22/10/15, and joined 30th Div.

7 18-pdr. equipments were received in Dec., 1915, and 4·5" (H.) equipments in Jany., 1916.

8 Joined the Div. on 2/11/15.

9 1/3/Wessex joined the Div. on 9/12/15 from Christchurch. 2/3/Wessex joined on 26/2/16 from Taunton.

10 Coy. formed in Septr., 1915.

11 The 3 Fd. Ambces. joined the Div. on 4 and 5/12/15, at Canterbury, Maidstone, and Wye.

12 Became Divnl. Pioneers on 5/2/18.

13 Amalgamated on 4/2/18 with 1/5/L.N.L. from 166th Bde., 55th Div., and Bn. became 1/5/L.N.L.

14 The M.G. Cos. were formed at Grantham and went to France with their respective Brigades in Febry., 1917.

15 Formed in England, complete with mortars and equipment. The T.M. Bties. went to France with their Inf. Bdes. in Febry., 1917.

16 Bn. was broken up on 1/2/18 and distributed among 2/6, 2/7, 11/, and 12/King's.

17 Amalgamated on 31/1/18 with 8/King's from 164th Bde., 55th Div., and Bn. became 8/King's.

18 Amalgamated between 1-6/2/18 with 9/King's from 165th Bde., 55th Div., and Bn. became 9/King's.

19 Bn. was broken up between 1-25/2/18, and drafts were sent to 1/5/S. Lanc., 2/4/S. Lanc., No. 57 M.G. Bn., and No. 2 Entrenching Bn.

20 18-pdr. Bties. were completed to 6 guns each before embarkation in Febry., 1917. On 15/2/17 1 Sec. of D (H.)/CCLXXXVII joined and completed D (H.) to 6, 4·5 Hows.

21 18-pdr. Bties. were completed to 6 guns each before embarkation in Febry., 1917. On 15/2/17 1 Sec. of D (H.)/CCLXXXVII joined and completed D (H.) to 6, 4·5" Hows.

22 The Bde. (2, 6-gun 18-pdr. Bties., and 2, 4-gun 4·5" How. Bties.) disembkd. at le Havre on 9/2/17. Between 13-20/2/17 the Bde. was broken up. On 15/2/17 1 sec. of D (H.) joined D (H.)/CCLXXXV and 1 Sec. joined D (H.)/CCLXXXVI. On 20/2/17 Bde. H.Q. joined 57th D. A.C., and A was transferred and became C/CLXXV A.F.A. Bde. B/CCLXXXVII became C/CCXCIII A.F.A. Bde. on 8/3/17; Left Sec. C (H.)/CCLXXXVII joined D (H.)/CCXCV (59th Div.) on 17/3/17; and R. Sec. C (H.)/CCLXXXVII joined D (H.)/CCCXXX (66th Div.) on 7/3/17.

23 The personnel went to France with the Div. in Febry., 1917. After training at Second Army T.M. School, the T.M. Bties. rejoined 57th Div. on 1/3/17.

24 The personnel went to France with the Div. in Febry., 1917. After training at Second Army T.M. School, the Heavy T.M. Bty. rejoined 57th Div. on 1/3/17.

25 The Fd. Cos. were numbered before embkn. in Febry., 1917.

26 Joined by 31/3/17.

27 Formed by 16/6/17, and numbered by 4/8/17.

28 505, 506, 507, and 508 Cos., A.S.C. The Train originally formed part of 1/W. Lanc. Div. [later 55th Div.]. The Train was allotted to 57th Div.

29 On 20/4/18 Bn. was transferred to 55th Div. On 30/4/18 Bn. was broken up, part amalgamated with 1/10/King's, part joined 55th Div. Rft. Camp, and the remainder was drafted.

30 Between 17-28/2/17 Z was absorbed by X and Y.

31 Became XV Corps. H.T.M. Bty. on 17/2/18.

32 Formed 1/3/18. Bn. consisted of 170, 171, 172, and 173 M.G. Cos.

33 Joined on 20/4/18 from 47th Bde., 16th Div.

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57TH (2ND/WEST LANCASHIRE) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

On the 15th August, 1914, instructions were issued to separate the home-service men of those T.F. units which had volunteered for service abroad; the home-service men were to be formed into reserve units. On the 31st August the formation of a reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. unit was authorized for each original (or 1st-line) unit in which 60 per cent. had volunteered for foreign service. The title of the 2nd-line unit would be the same as that of the corresponding 1st-line imperial-service unit, and these reserve units were to be located at the peace headquarters of their 1st-line units. After being clothed, organized, and armed the reserve units would gradually be grouped into larger formations at training centres, war stations, etc. In this way the 2nd-line T.F. divisions came into existence.

On the 24th November, 1914, it was decided to replace each imperial-service unit, which proceeded abroad, by its reserve unit; and, directly this replacement occurred, a second reserve unit (a 3rd-line unit) was to be formed at the peace headquarters of the 1st-line unit. The permissible strength for 2nd-line units was only raised to 50 per cent. on the 29th December; it was not raised to 100 per cent. until early in 1915.

In accordance with the above arrangements, the corresponding 2nd-line units were sent to the West Lancashire Division to replace 1st-line battalions and other units which had left the Division to proceed to France between November, 1914, and March, 1915. In April, 1915, the last three 1st-line battalions left the West Lancashire Division to join the Highland Division.

The remainder of the West Lancashire Division then amalgamated around Canterbury with the 2nd/West Lancashire Division. The G.O.C., G.S.O.1., A.A. & Q.-M.-G., B.-G., R.A., C.R.E., 2 Infantry Brigadiers, the cyclist company, the divisional field artillery, the heavy battery, the signal company, and the train (from the 1st-line division) now became part of the 2nd-line division. In August, 1915, the 2nd/West Lancashire Division received the number 57, and the infantry brigades were numbered 170th, 171st, and 172nd Brigades.

So far the 2nd-line divisional artillery had not joined the 57th Division. The training of the artillery had been seriously delayed by lack of arms and equipment; indeed one field artillery brigade was reduced to obtaining carbines on loan from the Church Lads Brigade at Preston. At last, in the middle of July, each 2nd-line field artillery brigade received two 15-pdr. Mk. I guns (without sights). This issue was followed early in September by complete 15-pdr. B.L.C. and 5" howitzer equipments, which were taken over from the corresponding 1st-line field artillery brigades. Serious training for war could now be carried on. Between the 16th–19th September, 1915, the 2nd-line West Lancashire Division Artillery joined its division at Canterbury, and replaced the 1st-line divisional artillery which went to France with the 2nd Canadian Division, landing on the 1st October.

In the latter half of November the infantry of the division received ·303" rifles; many, however, were not in good condition. With the rifles came bayonets and ammunition. Thereupon the ·256" Japanese rifles (with their bayonets and ammunition) were returned to Weedon.

In December, 1915, the artillery received 18-pdr. Q.F. equipments, and in January, 1916, 4·5" howitzer equipments arrived. Towards the end of February Lewis guns were issued to the battalions which, at this time, were about 800 strong.

Until the middle of 1916 the 57th Division still formed part of the Second Army, Central Force, and was quartered in Canterbury, Maidstone, and Ashford. By July the division was transferred to the Emergency Reserves, and it moved into the Aldershot Command at Rushmore, Bourley, Mytchett, Deepcut, and Blackdown. In October the division's quarters were altered to Blackdown, Woking, Pirbright, Deepcut, and Crookham.

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On the 5th January, 1917, the War Office informed G.H.Q., France, that the 57th Division would begin embarkation on the 6th February ; and the division crossed to France and disembarked at le Havre between 7th–22nd February. The division completed its concentration in the Merris area by the 23rd February, and joined II Anzac Corps, Second Army; and at noon on the 25th February the 57th Division took over the right sector of II Anzac Corps front (north of le Tilleloy). Throughout the remainder of the Great War the 57th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations :

1917

BATTLES OF YPRES

26 Oct.–7 Nov. ... **Second Battle of Passchendaele** [XIV Corps, until 2 p.m., 29/10 ; then XIX Corps, Fifth Army].

1918

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

SECOND BATTLES OF ARRAS

28–30 August ... ... **Battle of the Scarpe** [XVII Corps, Third Army].

2 and 3 September ... **Battle of the Drocourt-Quéant Line** [XVII Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

27 Sept.–1 Oct. ... **Battle of the Canal du Nord** [XVII Corps, Third Army].

8 and 9 October ... **Battle of Cambrai** [XVII Corps, Third Army].

9 October ... ... **Capture of Cambrai.**

15 Oct.–1 Nov. ... ... **THE FINAL ADVANCE IN ARTOIS AND FLANDERS**

17 October ... ... **Occupation of Lille** [XI Corps, Fifth Army].

On the 1st November 57th Division handed over its sector of the front line on the west bank of the Schelde (north of Tournai) and went into billets in the eastern suburbs of Lille. The division was still resting when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close ; and on the 15th November the division found a guard of honour for the official entry into Lille by the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces.

On the 21st November the division was ordered to assist in the collection, sorting, and evacuation of all stores and *matériel* from the Arras area. The move south began on the 30th November and was completed by the 4th December ; divisional headquarters shifted from Mons en Barœuil to Duisans. During January, 1919, demobilization proceeded steadily, and the pace increased in February. By the 23rd March divisional headquarters and the division had been reduced to cadre strength, and the G.O.C. handed over the command of the 57th Division Group of Cadres to a brigadier. By the 20th April the strength had shrunk so much that the command devolved on the senior lieutenant-colonel. On the 25th June the last cadre units started for England. On the 4th July the last artillery details embarked at Dunkirk ; and, with their departure, the 57th (2nd/West Lancashire) Division passed out of existence.

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58TH (2ND/1ST LONDON) DIVISION

G.O.C.

Formation	Major-General W. FRY.
4 May, 1915	Br.-Gen. E. J. COOPER.
5 September, 1916	Major-General H. D. FANSHAWE.
6 October, 1917	Major-General A. B. E. CATOR (sick, 10/5/18).
10 May, 1918	Br.-Gen. C. G. HIGGINS (acting).
21 May, 1918	Major-General N. M. SMYTH, V.C. (sick, 10/6/18).
10 June, 1918	Br.-Gen. C. G. HIGGINS (acting).
13 June, 1918	Major-General F. W. RAMSAY.

G.S.O. 1.

Formation ...Lt.-Col. H. A. BOYCE.
21 Sept., 1915...Col. F. ST. D. SKINNER.
1 June, 1916...Lt.-Col. F. W. RADCLIFFE.
5 Sept., 1916...Lt.-Col. T. H. C. NUNN.
21 Mar., 1917...Lt.-Col. J. E. TURNER.
13 Nov., 1917...Lt.-Col. R. H. MANGLES.
13 July, 1918...Lt.-Col. C. M. DAVIES.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

3 Nov., 1914...Col. ST. G. L. STEELE.
3 May, 1916...Lt.-Col. A. G. P. MCNALTY.

B.-G., R.A.

Formation ...Br.-Gen. G. S. DUFFUS.
11 Feb., 1915...Colonel F. T. M. BEAVER.
13 Jan., 1916...Br.-Gen. E. J. GRANET.
10 May, 1916...Br.-Gen. R. W. FULLER.
25 Aug., 1916 –20 Dec., 1917 } Br.-Gen. E. J. R. PEEL.
15 Jan., 1918...Br.-Gen. J. McC. MAXWELL.

C.R.E.

Formation ...Lt.-Col. G. W. WALTERS.
13 Mar., 1917...Lt.-Col. E. M. NEWELL.
17 July, 1917...Lt.-Col. W. H. KELLY.
21 Nov., 1917...Lt.-Col. A. J. SAVAGE.

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2nd/1st LONDON BDE.

29 Dec., '14...Col. E. FITZ G. M. WOOD.
(Bde. was broken up by Feb., 1915).

2nd/2nd LONDON BDE.

Formation .....Col. Sir T. S. CAVE.
24 Nov., '14...Br.-Gen. W. C. G. MCGRIGOR.

2nd/3rd LONDON BDE.

19 Jan., '15...Col. G. B. STEVENS.
6 Feb., '15...Col. G. PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE.

173rd BDE.

(3rd/1st London)

10 May, '15...Col. H. CHOLMONDLEY.
9 Jan., '16...Br.-Gen. G. P. S. HUNT.
20 April, '17...Lt.-Col. P. W. BERESFORD (acting).
21 April, '17...Br.-Gen. B. C. FREYBERG, V.C. (wd., 19/9/17).
19 Sept., '17...Lt.-Col. W. R. H. DANN (acting).
3 Oct., '17...Br.-Gen. R. B. WORGAN.
22 July, '18...Br.-Gen. C. E. CORKRAN.

174th BDE.

(2nd/2nd London)

[24 Nov., '14] Br.-Gen. W. C. G. MCGRIGOR.
21 April, '17...Br.-Gen. C. G. HIGGINS.
10 May, '18...Lt.-Col. C. B. BENSON (acting).
21 May, '18...Br.-Gen. C. G. HIGGINS.
13 June, '18...Lt.-Col. C. B. BENSON (acting).
14 June, '18...Br.-Gen. C. G. HIGGINS.
2 July, '18...Br.-Gen. A. MAXWELL.

175th BDE.

(2nd/3rd London)

[6 Feb., '15] Col. G. PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE.
17 Jan., '16...Br.-Gen. C. DE WINTON.
25 Aug., '16...Br.-Gen. H. C. JACKSON.
19 Mar., '18...Br.-Gen. M. E. RICHARDSON.
12 July, '18...Lt.-Col. E. G. H. POWELL (acting).
2 Aug., '18...Br.-Gen. W. MAXWELL-SCOTT (tempy.).
10 Aug., '18...Br.-Gen. H. W. COBHAM (tempy.).
21 Aug., '18...Br.-Gen. H. W. COBHAM.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 58th Division :—

1st London Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (T.F.), (4, 4·7″ Guns) joined the 2/1st London (58th) Div. after the 1st London Div. had been broken up to reinforce Malta, B.E.F. in France, etc. The Hy. Bty. left the 58th Div. on 11/2/16 and moved to Woolwich to prepare for France. On 3/3/16 the Hy. Bty. disembkd. at le Havre, and on 5/3/16 it joined XXVII H.A. Group.

2/1st London Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (T.F.), joined 58th Div. at Ipswich on 24/9/15. This Hy. Bty. did not accompany the 58th Div. to France. The Hy. Bty. served in England with the 71st Div. from 9/3/17–12/2/18, and with the 67th Div. from 12/2/18 until the end of the War.

1/I Lond. Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.),
1/II Lond. Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.),
1/III Lond. Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.),
1/IV Lond. (How.) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.)
— after the break-up of the 1st Lond. Div., the R.F.A. Bdes. were stationed (in November, 1915) at Newcastle (I), Hull (II), Dover Defences (III), and Edinburgh (IV How.). On the concentration of the 58th Div. in August, 1915, the four R.F.A. Bdes. were attached as its Divisional Arty., and served with the 58th Div. until 21–23/9/15, when the four Bdes. were transferred to the 36th (Ulster) Div. The 4 Brigades disembked. at le Havre on 4 and 5/10/15, served with the 36th Div. until 11 and 12/12/15, and then (after several attachments) the 4 Brigades joined the (reformed) 56th (1st London) Div. on 25 and 26/2/16.

1/Glamorgan Bty., R.H.A. (T.F.)—(4, 18-pdrs. Q.F.)—after the S. Wales Mtd. Bde. (T.F.) went to Egypt in March, 1916, the Bty. was posted (in August, 1916) to CCXCIII Bde. with 58th Div. The Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 22/1/17, and became CCXCIII A.F.A. Bde. (see note 20).

1/Shropshire Bty., R.H.A. (T.F.)—(4, 18-pdrs. Q.F.)—after the Welsh Border Mtd. Bde. (T.F.) went to Egypt in March, 1916, the Bty. was posted (in August, 1916) to CCXCIII Bde. with 58th Div. The Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 22/1/17, and became CCXCIII A.F.A. Bde. (see note 20).

10/London Regt. and 11/London Regt.
— after the 1st London Div. had been broken up to reinforce the B.E.F., these two battalions joined the 2/1st London Div. until April, 1915. 10/ and 11/London were then transferred to E. Midland (162nd) Bde., E. Anglian (54th) Div., at Norwich, and these two battalions served with the 162nd Bde. for the remainder of the War.

197th M.G. Coy. (from 9th Div.) was attached to 173rd Inf. Bde. from 22/2/17–26/3/17.

44th M.G. Coy. (from 15th Div.) was attached to 175th Inf. Bde. from 23/2/17–22/3/17.

100th (Warwick and S. Notts. Yeo.) Bn., M.G.C., was attached to 58th Div. from 7–25/9/18 (with 2 Cos. under 12th Div. from 16–25/9/18).

58th Sanitary Section accompanied 58th Division to France and embarked on the 25th January, 1917. The Sanitary Section left the Division on 30/3/17 and took over No. 8 Sanitary Area, VIII Corps.

On 2/2/18 the division completed its reorganization on a 9-battalion basis ; and on 4/3/18 the pioneer battalion was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

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58TH[1] (2ND/1ST LONDON) DIVISION

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1915 January (England)	2/1st London[2] 2/2nd London 2/3rd London	2/1/Lond.,[3] 2/2/Lond.,[4] 2/3/Lond.,[5] 2/4/Lond.[6] 2/5/Lond., 2/6/Lond., 2/7/Lond., 2/8/Lond. 2/9/Lond., 2/10/Lond., 2/11/Lond., 2/12/Lond.	D. of L. Own Yeo.[7] (less A. Sqdn.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	2/1/London 2/2/London	1/1st London	...	...	2/1/London 2/2/London 2/3/London	...	...	2/1/London
1915 November (England)	173rd[8] ... (3/1st London) 174th[9] ... (2/2nd London) 175th[9] ... (2/3rd London)	3/1/Lond.,[10] 3/2/Lond.,[10] 3/3/Lond.,[10]; 3/4/Lond.[10] 2/5/Lond., 2/6/Lond., 2/7/Lond., 2/8/Lond. 2/9/Lond., 2/10/Lond., 2/11/Lond., 2/12/Lond.	...	2/I City of London[11] 2/II London[11] 2/III London[11] 2/IV London[11] (H.)	2/1/City of Lond., 2/2/City of Lond., 2/3/City of Lond. 2/4/Lond., 2/5/Lond., 2/6/Lond. 2/7/Lond., 2/8/Lond., 2/9/Lond. 2/10/Lond. (H.), 2/11/Lond. (H.)	2/I City of London 2/II London 2/III London 2/IV London (H.)	...	...	58th (2/1st Lond.) D.A.C.	2/1/London[12] 2/2/London[12] 1/5/London[22]	1/1st Lond.[13]	...	...	2/1 Lond.[14] 2/2/Lond.[14] 2/3 Lond.[14]	...	...	58th[15] (2/1st Lond.)
1916 October (England)	173rd ..... 174th 175th	2/1/Lond.,[10] 2/2/Lond.,[10] 2/3/Lond.,[10] 2/4/Lond.[10] 2/5/Lond., 2/6/Lond., 2/7/Lond., 2/8/Lond. 2/9/Lond., 2/10/Lond., 2/11/Lond., 2/12/Lond.	ASqn.,[16] 1/Hants. Carabnr. 2/1/Wessex[17] Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCXC[18] ..... (2/I/ Lond.) CCXCI[19] ..... (2/II Lond.) CCXCIII[20] ... (2/III Lond.)	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B; C (H.), D(H.)	...	...	...	58th D.A.C.	2/1/Wessex[21] 2/2/Wessex[21] 1/5/London[22]	58th[23] (2/1/Wessex)	...	...	2/1/Home Cties.[24] 2/2/Home Cties.[24] 2/3/Home Cties.[24]	58th[25] (2/1st London)	...	58th
1917 June (France)	173rd ..... 174th 175th	2/1/Lond.,[26] 2/2/Lond., 2/3/Lond., 2/4/Lond.; 214th M.G. Coy.;[27]; [46] 173rd T.M. Bty.[28] 2/5/Lond.,[29] 2/6/Lond., 2/7/Lond., 2/8/Lond.; 198th M.G. Coy.; [27]; [46] 174th T.M. Bty.[28] 2/9/Lond., 2/10/Lond., 2/11/Lond.,[30] 2/12/Lond.; 215th M.G. Coy.; [27]; [46] 175th T.M. Bty.[28]	...	CCXC..... CCXCI	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.5831 Y.5831 Z.5831	V.5832	58th D.A.C.	503rd[33] (2/1/Wessex) 504th[33] (2/2/Wessex) 511th[33] (1/5/London)	58th (2/1 Wessex)	...	206th[34] M.G. Coy.	2/1/Home Cties. 2/2/Home Cties. 2/3/Home Cties.	58th (London)	249th[35]	58th
1918 March (France)	173rd ..... 174th 175th	2/2/Lond., 3/Lond.,[36] 2/4 Lond.;[37] 173rd T.M. Bty. 6/Lond.,[38] 7/Lond.,[39] 8/Lond.;[40] 174th T.M. Bty. 9/Lond.,[41] 2/10/Lond., 12/Lond.;[42] 175th T.M. Bty.	...	CCXC..... CCXCI	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.5843 Y.5843	...[44]	58th D.A.C.	503rd 504th 511th	58th	4/Suff.[45] (P.)	No. 58 Bn.,[46] M.G.C.	2/1/Home Cties. 2/2/Home Cties. 2/3/Home Cties.	58th	249th	58th

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1918 September (France)	173rd ..... 174th 175th	2/2/Lond., 3/Lond., 2/21/Lond.,[47] 173rd T.M. Bty. 6/Lond., 7/Lond., 8/Lond.; 174th T.M. Bty. 9/Lond., 2/10/Lond., 12/Lond.; 175th T.M. Bty.	...	CCXC..... CCXCI	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.58 Y.58	...	58th D.A.C.	503rd 504th 511th	58th	4/Suff. (P.)	No. 58 Bn., M.G.C.	2/1/ Home Cties. 2/2/ Home Cties. 2/3/ Home Cties.	58th	219th	58th

NOTES

[1] The division was designated 58th Division in August, 1915. (Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.)

[2] Bde. H.Q. went to Malta early in 1915 to relieve 1st London Inf. Bde. H.Q. 2/1st Lond. Inf. Bde. H.Q. left for Alexandria on 27/8/15.

[3] The Bn. disembkd. at Malta on 11/2/15; left for Alexandria on 27/8/15; disembkd. at Suvla on 25/9/15, and was attached to 88th Bde., 29th Div. The Bn. arrived back at Alexandria on 13/1/16 and was attached to the 53rd Div. The Bn. disembkd. at Marseille on 24/4/16, and proceeded to Rouen. Between early May and mid-June, 1916, the Bn. was broken up for drafting.

[4] The Bn. disembkd. at Malta on 31/12/14; left for Alexandria on 27/8/15; disembkd. at Helles on 13/10/15, and joined 2nd Bde., R.N. Div., on 14/10/15. The Bn. left Helles between 1-8/9/1/16, arrived Alexandria 21/1/16, and was attached to the 53rd Div. The Bn. disembkd. at Marseille on 24/4/16, and proceeded to Rouen. Between 5/5 and mid-June, 1916, the Bn. was broken up for drafting.

[5] The Bn. disembkd. at Malta on 31/12/14; left for Alexandria on 27/8/15; disembkd. at Suvla on 23/9/15, and joined 86th Bde., 29th Div., on 21/9/15. The Bn. arrived back at Alexandria on 7/1/16, and was attached to the 53rd Div. The Bn. disembkd. at Marseille on 24/4/16, and proceeded to Rouen. Between early May and mid-June, 1916, the Bn. was broken up for drafting.

[6] The Bn. disembkd. at Malta on 31/12/14; left for Alexandria on 21/8/15; disembkd. at Helles and joined 1st Bde., R.N. Div., on 15/10/15. The Bn. arrived back in Alexandria on 21/1/16, and was attached to 53rd Div. The Bn. disembkd. at Marseille on 24/4/16, and proceeded to Rouen. Between early May and mid-June, 1916, the Bn. was broken up for drafting.

[7] Joined as divisional cavalry on the concentration of the division in the Crowborough district. Early in 1915 the Regt. was broken up to form divisional cavalries. D. Sqdn. landed at le Havre on 23/5/15 with the 14th Div.; and Regtl. H.Q., M.G. Sec., and C Sqdn. landed at le Havre on 28/8/15 with the 23rd Div. [A Sqdn. left Southampton with the East Lancashire (later 42nd) Division, and disembkd. at Alexandria on 25/9/14.]

[8] 3/1st London Bde. was formed at Tadworth in April, 1915; it joined the 58th Div. in August, 1915, to replace 2/1st London Bde. In August, 1915, 3/1st London Bde. was numbered 173rd (see note 1).

[9] In August, 1915, 2/2nd and 2/3rd Lond. Bdes. were numbered 174th and 175th (see note 1).

[10] These 3rd-line Bns. were raised in Dec., 1914, to replace their 1st-line battalions, which had gone to Malta in Septr., 1914. The 4 Bns. were brigaded in April, 1915 (see note 8). After the disbandment of the 2nd-line Bns. (see notes 3-6) the four 3rd-line Bns. all became 2nd-line units of the London Regt. (in June, 1916) and henceforward were known as 2nd-line Bns.

[11] The 2nd-line divisional artillery joined as follows: 2/I/London Bde. on 25/9/15, at Ipswich; 2/II/London Bde. on 27/9/15, at Saxmundham; 2/III/London Bde. on 25/9/15, at Framlingham; 2/IV/London Bde. (H.) on 24/9/15, at Ipswich. In July, 1916, 2/IV/London (H.) was broken up and the batteries became D (H.)/CCXC and D (H.)/CCXCI.

[12] These 2 Fd. Cos. left the 58th Div. on 21/2/16, joined the 56th Div. in France on 24/2/16, and served with the 56th Div. for the remainder of the War. In 1917 the Fd. Cos. were numbered 512th and 513th.

[13] Left 58th Div. on 12/2/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 13/2/16, joined 56th Div. on 16/2/16, and served with the 56th Div. for the remainder of the War.

[14] The 3 Fd. Ambces. left 58th Div. on 21/2/16, joined the 56th Div. in France on 24/2/16, and served with the 56th Div. for the remainder of the War.

[15] The Cos. of the Train were numbered 509, 510, 511, and 512 Cos., A.S.C., in November, 1915.

[16] Allotted as divisional cavalry on 24/2/16, and joined at Ipswich on 21/3/16. A Sqdn. went to France on 17/1/17; the Tpt. was rammed outside le Havre and beached; it was only berthed on 20/1/17. A Sqdn. rejoined the Regt. (IX Corps Cavalry) at Bailleul on 25/1/17.

[17] The Cyclist Coy. did not accompany the Division to France.

[18] After arrival in France, D (H.) was made up to 6 hows. on 6/2/17 by 1 Sec. of D/CCXCIII.

[19] After arrival in France, D (H.) was made up to 6 hows. on 6/2/17 by 1 Sec. of D/CCXCIII.

[20] After arrival in France, D (H.) was broken up on 6/2/17 between D/CCXC and D/CCXCI. Remainder of CCXCIII (2, 6-gun 18-pdr. Bties. and 1, 4-gun 4·5" How. Bty.) then formed the nucleus of the CCXCIII A.F.A. Bde.

[21] The 2 Fd. Cos. arrived and joined 58th Div. on 22 and 23/2/16. (Normally the 2 Cos. would have served with 2nd Wessex Div.).

[22] Joined the 58th Div. at Claydon on 16/11/15.

[23] Joined the 58th Div. on 23/2/16. (Normally the Coy. would have served with 2nd Wessex Div.).

[24] The 3 Fd. Ambces. (from 67th Div.) arrived and joined the 58th Div. on 22/2/16; each Ambce. lacked medical equipt. and its 7 motor ambulances.

[25] Joined on 21/11/15, from Tunbridge Wells.

[26] Disbanded on 31/1/18. The Bn. was distributed between 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, and 1/4 London Regt.

[27] The M.G. Cos. joined as follows: 214th formed at Grantham, 10/12/16; disembkd. at le Havre, 17/3/17; and joined 173rd Bde. on 25/3/17. 198th disembkd. at le Havre, 15/12/16; joined 12th Div., 20/12/16; and joined 174th Bde. on 21/2/17. 215th disembkd. at le Havre, 17/3/17; and joined 175th Bde. on 21/3/17.

[28] The Bde. T.M. Bties. went to France in Jany., 1917, with their respective Inf. Bdes.

[29] Disbanded on 31/1/18. The Bn. was distributed between 1/18, 1/28, and 2/10 London Regt.

[30] Disbanded on 31/1/18. The Bn. was distributed between 1/20, 1/21, and 1/22 London Regt.

[31] Personnel of Bties. went to France, in Jany., 1917, with the Div.; the trench mortars were issued in France.

[32] Personnel of Bty. went to France, in Jany., 1917, with the Div.; the trench mortars were issued in France.

[33] The Fd. Cos. were numbered in England, before embkn.

[34] Formed at Grantham, 21/10/16; disembkd. at le Havre, 18/3/17; joined 58th Div. on 21/3/17.

[35] The Coy. was formed by 23/6/17. It was broken up on 22/4/19.

[36] On 31/1/18, 1/3/Lond. (from 167th Bde., 56th Div.) amalgamated with 2/3/Lond., and the Bn. became 3/London.

[37] On 12/9/18, the Bn. was absorbed by 2/2/London.

[38] On 31/1/18, 1/6/Lond. (from 140th Bde., 47th Div.) amalgamated with 2/6/Lond., and the Bn. became 6/London.

[39] On 2/2/18, 1/7/Lond. (from 140th Bde., 47th Div.) amalgamated with 2/7/Lond., and the Bn. became 7/London.

[40] On 2/2/18, 1/8/Lond. (from 140th Bde., 47th Div.) amalgamated with 2/8/Lond., and the Bn. became 8/London.

[41] On 1/2/18, 1/9/Lond. (from 169th Bde., 56th Div.) amalgamated with 2/9/Lond., and the Bn. became 9/London.

[42] On 31/1/18, 1/12/Lond. (from 168th Bde., 56th Div.) amalgamated with 2/12/Lond., and the Bn. became 12/London.

[43] Z was distributed between X and Y on 7 and 8/2/18; most of the personnel of V also joined X and Y.

[44] Most of the personnel of V joined X and Y on 7 and 8/2/18; remdr. of V Bty. joined V/III Corps H.T.M.B. on 18/2/18.

[45] Joined Div. on 15/2/18, from 98th Inf Bde., 33rd Div.

[46] Bn. was formed on 2/3/18; it consisted of 214, 198, 215, and 206 M.G. Cos.

[47] Bn. (formerly in 181st Bde., 60th Div.) embkd. at Alexandria on 3/7/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 8/7/18, reached Serqueux on 15/7/18, moved to Abancourt on 21/7/18; attached to 66th Div. 28/7-10/9/18; left Abancourt on 10/9/18, and joined 173rd Bde., 58th Div., at Guyencourt on 11/9/18.

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58TH (2ND/1ST LONDON) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division). After the 1st London Division had transferred the bulk of its infantry—4 battalions to Malta (Septr., 1914), 3 battalions to reinforce the B.E.F. in France (Nov., 1914–Jany., 1915), and 3 battalions to reinforce the 2nd London Division (Nov., 1914)—the G.O.C., G.S.O.1., B.G., R.A., C.R.E., heavy battery, signal company, and the remaining two battalions amalgamated with 2nd-line units of the London Division. In this way the 2nd/1st London Division began its existence; but the field artillery of the 1st London Division did not join the 2nd/1st London Division until August, 1915. Between December, 1914, and February, 1915, the four battalions of the 2nd/1st London Infantry Brigade went to Malta to take the place of the four battalions of the 1st London Infantry Brigade. The 2nd/1st London Infantry Brigade was then replaced in the division by the 3rd/1st London Infantry Brigade.

In August, 1915, the 2nd/1st London Division concentrated in the Eastern Counties around Ipswich. On the 10th August the War Office issued an order that 2nd-line T.F. divisions and infantry brigades would henceforth be designated by numbers. In this order the 2nd/1st London Division was allotted the number 58, and the infantry brigades became 173rd, 174th, and 175th Brigades. Until the spring of 1916 the 58th Division remained in billets around Ipswich, forming part of First Army, Central Force (Home Defence); but, during this period, owing to lack of equipment, serious training for war could not be undertaken. Route marches, physical training, etc., could not replace field training as a rapid means of preparing the division for service in the field. Whilst the division was quartered in the Ipswich area the 1st-line London field artillery brigades left it to join the 36th (Ulster) Division, and the 2nd-line London field artillery brigades then joined the 58th Division.

In the spring of 1916 the division took over a sector of the East Coast defences, trenches were sited and dug, and training was carried on until July. The 58th Division was then transferred to Emergency Reserves, Home Defence Troops, and it concentrated around Sutton Veny, near Warminster (Wilts.). By this time 18-pdr. Q.F. and 4·5″ howitzer equipments had been received, ·303″ rifles had replaced the ·256″ (Japanese) rifles, and ammunition was available. The final training of the division for the field could be undertaken and it was rapidly completed at Sutton Veny.

On the 20th December, 1916, the War Office informed G.H.Q., France, that the 58th Division would embark during the latter half of January, 1917; and on the 1st January the division received orders to prepare for service in France and be ready to embark by the 20th. On the 11th January the War Office informed France that the embarkation of the 58th Division would begin on the 20th January and the move would be completed in about 10 days. On the 13th January the divisional advanced party left Southampton for le Havre, and on the 16th another party left Folkestone for Boulogne. On the 20th January the division began embarkation for France; but not until the 8th February was it concentrated around Lucheux, in XVIII Corps area. The delay was caused by the move to France having been temporarily suspended on the 30th January, before the 175th Brigade had crossed. Throughout the remainder of the Great War the 58th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:

1917

17–28 March	**German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line** [XVIII Corps, to 19/3; then VII Corps, Third Army].
4–17 May	**Battle of Bullecourt** [175th Bde. with 2nd Aus. Div., I Anzac Corps, 4–12/5; 173rd Bde. with 5th Aus. Div., I Anzac Corps, 12–15/5; and 58th Div., from 16/5, with V Corps, Fifth Army].
20 May–16 June ...	**Actions of the Hindenburg Line** [V Corps, Fifth Army, until 10 am., 31/5; then V Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF YPRES

20–25 September ...	**Battle of Menin Road Ridge** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].
26 and 27 September	**Battle of Polygon Wood** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].
26 Oct.–10 Nov. ...	**Second Battle of Passchendaele** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army, until 10 am., 2/11; then II Corps, Second Army].

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21 March–3 April ...	**FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME** [III Corps, Fifth Army, until 24/3 ; then I Cav. Corps (Fr.), Sixth Army (Fr.)].
21–23 March	**Battle of St. Quentin** [III Corps, Fifth Army].
4 April	**Battle of the Avre** (6/Lond. and 7/Lond., attd. 18th Div.) [XIX Corps, Fourth Army].
24 and 25 April	**Villers Bretonneux** [III Corps, Fourth Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

8–11 August	**Battle of Amiens** [III Corps, Fourth Army].

SECOND BATTLES OF THE SOMME

22 and 23 August ...	**Battle of Albert** [III Corps, Fourth Army].
31 Aug. and 1 Septr. ...	**Second Battle of Bapaume** [III Corps, Fourth Army].

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

18 September	**Battle of Épéhy** [III Corps, Fourth Army].

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2 Oct.–11 Nov.	**THE FINAL ADVANCE IN ARTOIS AND FLANDERS** [VIII Corps, First Army, until noon, 14/10 ; then I Corps, Fifth Army].

On the 4th November the division succeeded in establishing a post on the right bank of the Schelde near Maulde. At 11 a.m. on the 11th November (Armistice) the advanced troops (174th and 175th Bdes.) of the 58th Division were on the Ath–St. Ghislain road about Neufmaison (south of Ath).

After the Armistice the division remained in the Peruwelz area. During December educational training was carried on and refresher courses were arranged ; but skilled tradesmen, coal-miners, pivotal men, as well as a few other classes, were gradually sent away for demobilization.

At the beginning of March, 1919, the remainder of the dwindling division concentrated around Leuze. The units were grouped together as the 58th Division Group on the 12th March, and divisional headquarters, divisional artillery headquarters, and the three infantry brigade headquarters were amalgamated under the command of Br.-Gen. J. McC. Maxwell. Units were gradually reduced to cadre. The artillery left for England on the 4th April ; and at the end of June, 1919, when the last units left France, the 58th (2nd/1st London) Division ceased to exist.

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59TH (2ND/NORTH MIDLAND) DIVISION

G.O.C.

6 January, 1915	Br.-Gen. H. B. MacCall.
14 November, 1915	Major-General R. N. R. Reade.
14 February, 1916	Major-General A. E. Sandbach.
9 April, 1917	Major-General C. F. Romer.
26 January, 1918	Br.-Gen. C. H. L. James (acting).
11 February, 1918	Major-General C. F. Romer.
21 May, 1918	Br.-Gen. C. H. L. James (acting).
16 June, 1918	Major-General C. F. Romer.
19 June, 1918	Major-General Sir R. D. Whigham.
28 August, 1918	Major-General N. M. Smyth, V.C.

G.S.O. 1.

20 Jan., 1915...Lt.-Col. C. H. Savage.
8 Mar., 1915...Colonel L. R. Carleton.
16 Feb., 1916...Lt.-Col. R. St. G. Gorton.
14 April, 1918...Lt.-Col. G. L. Crossman.
21 Sept., 1918...Lt.-Col. R. S. Follett.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

28 Jan., 1915...Major E. U. Bradbridge.
10 Feb., 1915...Colonel J. A. Fearon.
7 Jan., 1916...Lt.-Col. E. U. Bradbridge.
28 Feb., 1916...Capt. R. W. S. Stanton (acting).
3 Mar., 1916...Lt. Col. E. U. Bradbridge.
3 Sept., 1917...Lt.-Col. R. B. Airey.
4 Sept., 1918...Lt.-Col. J. H. S. Westley.
3 Nov., 1918...Lt.-Col. W. T. Browne (tempy.).
10 Nov., 1918...Lt.-Col. P. F. Fitzgerald (tempy.).
[17 Nov., 1918...Lt.-Col. J. H. S. Westley].

B.-G., R.A.

3 Feb., 1915...Col. A. H. C. Phillpotts.
31 July, 1915...Col. W. H. Williams (acting).
7 Aug., 1915...Col. A. H. C. Phillpotts.
7 Feb., 1916...Col. L. Graham.
18 April, 1916...Br.-Gen. E. J. R. Peel.
23 Aug., 1916...Lt.-Col. H. V. B. de Satgé (acting).
12 Sept., 1916...Br.-Gen. E. J. Granet.
7 Nov., 1916...Br.-Gen. R. G. Ouseley (injured, 27/3/17).
28 Mar., 1917...Br.-Gen. G. N. Cartwright (tempy.).
13 April, 1917...Br.-Gen. J. W. Stirling.
12 June, 1918...Lt.-Col. V. J. Heather (acting).
9 July, 1918...Br.-Gen. J. F. Laycock.

C.R.E.

Formation ...Major G. B. Roberts (acting).
21 April, 1915...Lt.-Col. W. E. Harrison.
13 Mar., 1916...Lt.-Col. G. B. Roberts.
4 Feb., 1918...Lt.-Col. A. C. Howard.
6 June, 1918...Major H. A. S. Pressey (acting).
13 June, 1918...Lt.-Col. L. J. Coussmaker.

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176th BDE.

(2nd/1st Staffordshire)

5 Jan., '15...Col. H. A. CHANDOS-POLE-GELL.
16 Feb., '16...Br.-Gen. L. R. CARLETON.
27 Aug., '16...Br.-Gen. G. M. GLOSTER.
5 Feb., '17...Br.-Gen. C. V. HUMPHREYS.
20 April, '17...Br.-Gen. R. A. M. CURRIE.
14 Aug., '17...Br.-Gen. T. G. COPE.

177th BDE.

(2nd/1st Lincoln and Leicester)

28 Jan., '15...Col. G. M. JACKSON.
5 Jan., '16...Br.-Gen. C. G. BLACKADER.
28 June, '16...Br.-Gen. C. H. L. JAMES.
26 Jan., '18...Lt.-Col. H. B. ROFFEY (acting).
11 Feb., '18...Br.-Gen. C. H. L. JAMES.
21 May, '18...Lt.-Col. G. A. YOOL (acting).
1 June, '18...Lt.-Col. Sir I. COLQUHOUN, BART. (acting).
16 June, '18...Br.-Gen. C. H. L. JAMES.

178th BDE.

(2nd/1st Notts. and Derby)

14 Jan., '15...Col W. W. BEMROSE.
19 July, '15...Col. E. W. S. K. MACONCHY.
6 June, '16...Br.-Gen. E. W. S. K. MACONCHY.
6 April, '17...Lt.-Col. W. C. OATES (acting).
6 April, '17...Br.-Gen. T. W. STANSFELD.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 59th Division :—

IN ENGLAND

YEOMANRY :

B Sqdn., N. Irish Horse, was attached from 6/8/15 until the Division went to Ireland in April, 1916.

2/2/County of London was attached from 20 Feb. until April, 1916.

ARTILLERY :

1/IV Home Counties (How.) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.), (8 offrs. and 316 other ranks), served with the Division 10/3–27/6/15.

1/1/Wessex (Hampshire) Hy. Bty., R.G.A. (T.F.), (5 offrs. and 146 other ranks), served with the Division from 13/3/15 until 7/4/15, when it joined 60th Division. The Hy. Bty. went to France on 22/4/16 and joined XLI H.A. Group on 25/4/16.

2/1/Wessex (Hampshire) Hy. Bty., R.G.A. (T.F.), was attached from 20 Feb. until April, 1916. The Hy. Bty. was then used to provide drafts for 1/1/Hants. Hy. Bty. and it was broken up by Oct., 1916.

2/1/N. Midland Hy. Bty., R.G.A. (T.F.), (3 offrs. and 194 other ranks), was attached from 5/2/15 until April, 1916. The Hy. Bty. went to France independently, and landed at le Havre on 30/5/16. On 1/6/16 the Hy. Bty. joined VI Corps Hy Arty. (near Arras), and on 3/6/16 the Hy. Bty. joined VIII H.A.G.

ENGINEERS :

2/1/N. Midland Field Coy. joined 46th (N. Midland) Division in England, and the Fd. Coy. disembarked at le Havre on 1/3/15. The Fd. Coy. served throughout the War, on the Western Front, with the 46th Division. The Fd. Coy. was numbered 468th.

MACHINE GUNS :

200th, 201st, 202nd, and 203rd M.G. Cos. (except 201st formed at Grantham on 25/10/16) were formed on 20/1/17 in the 59th Division ; but the Cos. remained at Fovant when the Div. went to France in Febry., 1917. (200th M.G. Coy. rejoined the Division, in France, in April, 1917, see note 30 ; 201st M.G. Coy. joined 62nd Div. in France on 30/3/17 ; 202nd and 203rd M.G. Cos. joined 66th Div. in England and went to France with 66th Div. in March, 1917.)

OTHER UNITS :

54th Div. Train (483–486 Cos.) was attached from 29/7/15 until Janv., 1916. On 16/1/16 54th Div. Train embkd. for Salonika. On arrival it became 27th Div. Train. (The Cos. were numbered 483, 484, 485, and 486 Cos., A.S.C.)

IN FRANCE

INFANTRY :

1st Provnl. Garr. Gd. Bn. joined 176th Bde. from Reserve Army on 13/5/18 ; and on 25/5/18 Bn. was redesignated 17/Garr. Bn., Worc. Bn. was transferred to 121st Bde., 40th Div., on 18/6/18, absorbed Training Cadre of 12/York, on 29/6/18, and became Divnl. Pioneers.

2/Garr. Gd. Bn., R. Ir. Rgt., embkd. at Dublin on 14/5/18, and joined 178th Bde. at Hurionville on 17/5/18, Bn. was redesignated 8/Garr. Bn., R. Ir. Rgt., on 25/5/18, and on 19/6/18 the Bn. was transferred to 121st Bde., 40th Div., at Tilques.

4th Provl. Garr. Gd. Bn. joined 176th Bde. from Reserve Army on 13/5/18, and on 25/5/18 Bn. was redesignated 23/Garr. Bn., L.F. On 18/6/15 the Bn. was transferred to 121st Bde., 40th Div., at Tilques.

23/Garr. Gd. Bn., Cheshire, embkd. at Dover on 21/5/18, and joined 178th Bde. on 24/5/18. On 19/6/18 the Bn. was transferred to 121st Bde., 40th Div., at Tilques.

NOTE.—In Garrison Guard Battalions, 'Guard' was dropped on 25/5/18, and 'Garrison' ceased to be used from 16/7/18.

MACHINE GUNS :

No. 25 Bn., M.G.C. This Bn. was formed in the 25th Div. between 14/2–1/3/18, and consisted of 7th, 74th, 75th, and 195th M.G. Cos. On 23/7/18 the Bn. was transferred to the 59th Div. and served with the Div. until 19/10/18 ; Bn. then rejoined 25th Div.

OTHER UNITS :

59th (North Midland) Sanitary Section went to France on 22/2/17, with the Division. 59th Sanitary Section left the Division and took over C Area in Cavalry Corps, Fourth Army, at m/n. 18/19 May, 1917.

By 31/1/18 the reorganization of the division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and on 26/2/18 the pioneer battalion was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

Between 22/3–27/8/18 the **59th Division Artillery** (CCXCV and CCXCVI) served as follows :

22–27/3 under 40th Div. ; 27/3–15/4 under 42nd Div. ; 15–24/4 under 62nd Div. ; 24/4–17/5 under 37th Div.; 17/5–19/6 under 62nd Div. ; 23/6–1/7 under XVIII Corps ; 1/7–8/8 under 5th Div. ; 8/8–26/8 under 61st Div. ; and on 27/8/18 59th Division Artillery rejoined 59th Div. in XI Corps.

During the Final Advance **XI Corps Mtd. Troops** (1/K.E.H. and 11/Cyclist Bn.) were attached to 59th Div. from 17–21/10/18 (then to 57th Div.) and from 9–14/11/18.

The following **Portuguese** troops served with 59th Division during the Final Advance :—

III Artillery Brigade, from 3/10–15/11/18 ;
14th Inf. Bn., from 3/10–2/11/18 (transferred to 57th Div.) ;
15th Inf. Bn., from 3/10–15/11/18.

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59TH[1] (2ND/NORTH MIDLAND) DIVISION — ORDER OF BATTLE, 1915-1918

Dates	INFANTRY: Brigades	INFANTRY: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Brigades	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Batteries	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	ARTILLERY: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 November (England)	176th[1]; [2] (2/1st Staff.) 177th[1]; [2] (2/1st Linc. & Leic.) 178th[1]; [2] (2/1st Notts. & Derby)	2/5/S. Staff., 2/6/S. Staff., 2/5/N. Staff., 2/6/N. Staff. 2/4/Linc., 2/5/Linc., 2/4/Leic., 2/5/Leic. 2/5/Sher. For., 2/6/Sher. For., 2/7/Sher. For., 2/8/Sher. For.	2/1/ North'n[3] Yeo. 59th(2/ 1st N. Midld.)[4] Div. Cyclist Coy.	2/I N.[5]; [6] Midland 2/II N.[5]; [7] Midland 2/III N.[5]; [8] Midland 2/IV N.[5]; [9] Midland (H.)	2/1/Linc., 2/2/Linc, 2/3/Linc. 2/1/Staff., 2/2/Staff., 2/3/Staff. 2/4/Staff., 2/5/Staff., 2/6/Staff. 2/1/Derby (H.), 2/2/Derby (H.)	2/I N. Midld.[10] 2/IIN.Midld.[10] 2/IIIN.Midld[10] 2/IV N. Midld.(H.)[10]	...	...	59th (N. Midld.)[10] D.A.C.	2/2/N. /Midld.[11] 3/1/N. Midld.[11]	59th[11] (2/1/N. Midld.)	...	...	2/1/N. Midld.[12] 2/2/N. Midld.[12] 2/3/N. Midld.[12]	...	...	59th[13] (2/1/N. Midld.)
1916 September (Ireland)	176th..... 177th..... 178th.....	2/5/S. Staff., 2/6/S. Staff., 2/5/N. Staff., 2/6/N. Staff. 2/4/Linc., 2/5/Linc., 2/4/Leic., 2/5/Leic. 2/5/Sher. For., 2/6/Sher. For., 2/7/Sher. For., 2/8/Sher. For.	C.Sqn.,[14] 2/1/ Northbd. Hsrs. 59th Div.[15] Cyclist Coy.	CCXCV[16] ..... (2/I N. Midland) CCXCVI[17]..... (2/IIN.Midland) CCXCVII[18] ... (2/III N. Midld.) CCXCVIII[19]... (2/IVN.Midland)	A, B, C; D (H.)[6] A, B, C; D (H.)[7] A, B, C; D (H.)[8] A,[6]; [9] B,[7]; [9] C,[8]; [9]	...	...	...	59th D.A.C.	1/3/N. Midld. 2/2/N. Midld. 3/1/N. Midld.	59th	...	...	2/1/N. Midld. 2/2/N. Midld. 2/3/N. Midld.	59th (2/1/N. Midld.)	...	59th
1917 June (France)	176th..... 177th..... 178th.....	2/5/S. Staff.,[20] 2/6/S. Staff., 2/5/N. Staff.,[21] 2/6/N. Staff.; 174th M.G. Coy.; [22]; [44] 176th T.M. Bty.[23]; [35] 2/4/Linc.,[24] 2/5/Linc., 2/4/ Leic., 2/5/Leic.;[25] 177th M.G. Coy.;[22]; [44] 177th T.M. Bty.[23]; [35] 2/5/Sher. For., 2/6/Sher. For., 2/7/Sher. For.,[26] 2/8/Sher. For.; [27] 175th M.G. Coy.; [22]; [44] 178th T.M. Bty.[23];[35]	...	CCXCV ..... CCXCVI	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.5928 Y.5928 Z.5928	V.5928	59th D.A.C.	467th[29] (1/3/N. Midld.) 469th[29] (2/2/N. Midld.) 470th[29] (3/1/N. Midld.)	59th	...	200th[30] M.G.Coy.	2/1/N. Midld. 2/2/N. Midld. 2/3/N. Midld.	59th	250th[31]	59th
1918 March (France)	176th..... 177th..... 178th.....	2/6/S.Staff.,[32] 5/N.Staff.,[21]; [33] 2/6/N. Staff.;[34] 176th T.M. Bty.[35] 4/Linc.,[24]; [36] 2/5/Linc.,[37] 2/ 4/Leic.;[38] 177th T.M. Bty.[35] 2/5/Sher. For.,[39] 2/6/Sher. For.,[40] 7/Sher. For.,[26]; [41] 178th T.M. Bty.[35]	...	CCXCV ..... CCXCVI.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.5942 Y.5942	...[42]	59th D.A.C.	467th 469th 470th	59th	6/7/ R.S.F.[43] (P.)	No. 59 Bn.,[44] M.G.C.	2/1/N. Midld. 2/2/N. Midld. 2/3/N. Midld.	59th	250th	59th
1918 Oct. (France) (After reconstitution.)	176th..... 177th..... 178th.....	25/King's,[45] 26/R.W.F.,[46] 17/ R. Suss.[47] 176th T.M. Bty.[48] 11/Som. L.I.,[49] 15/Essex,[50] 2/6/D.L.I.;[51] 177th T.M. Bty.[48] 36/N.F.,[52] 11/R.S.F.,[53] 13/ Duke's;[54] 178th T.M. Bty.[48]	...	CCXCV ..... CCXCVI	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.59 Y.59	...	59th D.A.C.	467th 469th 470th	59th	25/ K.R.R.C (P.)[55]	No. 20056 Bn., M.G.C.	2/1/N. Midld. 2/2/N Midld. 2/3/N. Midld.	59th	250th	59th

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NOTES

1 2nd-line T.F. Divns. and 2nd-line T.F. Inf. Bdes. were designated by numbers in August, 1915. (Authy.—40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.)

2 Inf. Bdes. were formed in Jany., 1915; and by 2/2/15 Bns. moved to billets at Luton and Harpenden. The Bns. varied in strength between 17 offrs. and 539 o.r. and 19 offrs. and 1031 o.r.

3 Left when the div. moved to Ireland.

4 Coy. (8 offrs. and 186 o.r.) reached Luton on 17/3/15.

5 Bdes. (varying in strength from 4 offrs. and 215 o.r. to 7 offrs. and 457 o.r.) reached Luton on 5 and 6/2/15.

6 Bties. were lettered A, B, C on 29/4/16, and later the Bde. was numbered CCXCV. At the end of May, 1916, 2/1/Hants. R.H.A. (4, 18-pdrs.) joined and became D/CCXCV. On 10/7/16, D was transferred and became A/CCXCVIII; and A (H.)/CCXCVIII joined and became D (H.)/CCXCV.

7 Bties. were lettered A, B, C on 29/4/16, and later the Bde. was numbered CCXCVI. At the end of May, 1916, 2/1/Essex R.H.A. (4, 18-pdrs.) joined and became D/CCXCVI. On 10/7/16, D was transferred and became B/CCXCVIII; and B (H.)/CCXCVIII joined and became D (H.)/CCXCVI.

8 Bties. were lettered A, B, C on 29/4/16, and later the Bde. was numbered CCXCVII. At the end of May, 1916, 2/1/Glamorgan, R.H.A. (4, 18-pdrs.) joined and became D/CCXCVII. On 10/7/16, D was transferred and became C/CCXCVIII; and C (H.)/CCXCVIII joined and became D (H.)/CCXCVII.

9 Bties. were lettered A (H.) and B (H.) on 29/4/16, and later the Bde. was numbered CCXCVIII. At the end of May, 1916, 3 (H.)/LIX joined and became C (H.)/CCXCVIII. On 10/7/16, A (H.) became D (H.)/CCXCV; B (H.) became D (H.)/CCXCVI; and C (H.) became D (H.)/CCXCVII. On the same day, D/CCXCV, D/CCXCVI, and D/CCXCVII joined and became A, B, and C/CCXCVIII.

10 On 31/7/16 the D.A.C. was reorganised and the B.A.C.s were abolished.

11 Reached Luton on 4/2/15.

12 Arrived Luton on 3/2/15.

13 Arrived at Luton on 22/1/15. On 25/2/16 the Cos. were numbered 513, 514, 515, and 516 Cos., A.S.C.

14 Served with the 59th Div. from 28/3/16—22/1/17. Joined XIX Corps Cav. Regt. in France on 26/3/17.

15 Did not accompany the 59th Div. to France.

16 Before proceeding to France, A, B, and C were made up to 6, 18-pdrs. each by the transfer of 3 sections from CCXCVII. In France, on 17/3/17, D (H.) was made up to 6, 4·5″ hows. by L. Sec. of C (H.)/CCLXXXVII (from 57th Div.).

17 Before proceeding to France, A, B, and C were made up to 6, 18-pdrs. each by the transfer of 3 sections from CCXCVII. In France, D (H.) was made up to 6, 4·5″ hows. by 1 Sec. of C (H.)/CCXCVIII.

18 Before the division left for France, CCXCVII was broken up: 3 Sections of A, B, and C made up A, B, and C of CCXCV to 6, 18-pdrs. each; the remaining 3 Sections made up A, B, and C of CCXCVI; and D (H.) was transferred and became D (H.)/CCXCVIII.

19 Before leaving Ireland, C was divided and made up A and B to 6, 18-pdrs. each; C (H.) joined; and D (H.)/CCXCVII joined and became D (H.)/CCXCVIII. On 4/4/17, after arrival in France, CCXCVIII became an A.F.A. Bde., and C (H.) was broken up: 1 Sec. went to D (H.)/CCXCVI and 1 Sec. joined D (H.)/CCXII (42nd Div.) on 19/6/17. D (H.)/CCXCVIII was transferred to the Fourth Army on 4/1/17; on 12/4/17 A/CCCXXXII joined and became C/CCXCVIII; and on 1/8/17 D (H.) joined from Third Army and became D (H.)/CCXCVIII.

20 Bn. was drafted and disbanded by 31/1/18.

21 On 30/1/18 Bn. amalgamated with part of 1/5/N. Staff., and was then designated 5/N. Staff.

22 174th joined 59th Div. at Southampton on 24/2/17, was attached to 178th Bde. on 28/2/17, and joined 176th Bde. on 6/3/17. 177th joined 59th Div. at Southampton on 19/2/17, and joined 177th Bde. on 27/2/17. 175th was formed at Grantham on 24/10/16, joined 59th Div. at Southampton on 17/2/17, and joined 178th Bde. on 13/3/17.

23 Formed in England on 20/1/17, and went to France with the Inf. Bdes.

24 On 31/1/18 Bn. amalgamated with part of 1/4/Linc., and was then designated 4/Linc.

25 Bn. was drafted and disbanded by 31/1/18.

26 On 31/1/18 Bn. amalgamated with 1/7/Sher. For., and was then designated 7/Sher. For.

27 Bn. was drafted and disbanded by 30/1/18.

28 Medium and Heavy T.M. Bties. were formed on 20/1/17.

29 Field Cos. were numbered in 1917, before leaving England.

30 Disembkd. at le Havre on 14/4/17, and joined 59th Div. on 18/4/17.

31 Formed by 16/6/17.

32 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 9/5/18, transferred to 198th Bde., 66th Div., on 30/5/18; transferred to 199th Bde. on 27/6/18; and Bn. was disbanded on 31/7/18 and absorbed by 1/6/S. Staff. (137th Bde., 46th Div.).

33 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 9/5/18 and transferred on 2/6/18 to 49th Bde., 16th Div. When the 16th Div. proceeded to England, the Bn. was transferred on 17/6/18 to 103rd Bde., 34th Div., then on 27/6/18 to 117th Bde., 39th Div., and on 12/8/18 to 116th Bde., 39th Div. On 6/11/18 the Bn. was demobilized to be used for drafting.

34 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 9/5/18, and transferred to 66th Div. on 7/6/18; attached to 199th Bde. on 28/6/18, to 198th Bde. on 23/7/18, and Bn. was disbanded on 31/7/18 and absorbed by 1/6/N. Staff. (137th Bde., 46th Div.).

35 Bde. T.M. Bties. were temporarily disbanded: 176th and 177th on 8/5/18; and 178th on 7/5/18. In each case the personnel either returned to their units or went to the Base.

36 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 8/5/18, and joined 49th Bde., 16th Div., on 2/6/18; transferred to 102nd Bde., 34th Div., on 17/6/18; to 117th Bde., 39th Div., on 27/6/18; to 118th Bde., on 27/7/18; and on 8/11/18 the Bn. was demobilized for drafting.

37 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 8/5/18, and joined 21st Bde., 30th Div., on 29/5/18; transferred to 199th Bde., 66th Div., on 28/6/18; and on 31/7/18 the Bn. was disbanded, the personnel being absorbed by 1/5/Lincoln (138th Bde., 46th Div.).

38 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 8/5/18, and joined 47th Bde., 16th Div., on 18/6/18. Bn. went to England with 16th Div. in June, 1918. On 20/6/18 Bn. went to Aldeburgh and joined 14/Leic. On 26/6/18 14/Leic. joined 47th Bde., 16th Div., and served with it for the remainder of the War.

39 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 7/5/18, transferred to 49th Bde., 16th Div., on 2/6/18; to 47th Bde. on 10/6/18; to 34th Div. on 17/6/18; and to 117th Bde., 39th Div., on 28/6/18. Bn. was disbanded on 3/8/18.

40 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 7/5/18; and on 31/7/18 the Bn. was disbanded and drafted to the 59th Div.

41 Bn. reduced to Training Cadre on 7/5/18, and joined 21st Bde., 30th Div., on 28/5/18; transferred to 198th Bde., 66th Div., 15/6/18; to 199th Bde. on 28/6/18; and to 39th Div. on 15/8/18.

42 In March, 1918, X and Y absorbed Z; and V (H.T.M.B.) left the Div.

43 6/R.S.F. went to France on 12/5/15 in 27th Bde., 9th Div.; on 6/5/16 the Bn. was transferred to 45th Bde., 15th Div., and on 13/5/16 Bn. amalgamated with 7/R.S.F. and became 6/7/R.S.F. On 21/2/18 6/7/R.S.F. joined 59th Div. as Pioneers. Bn. was reduced to Training Cadre, 7-10/5/18 and was then attached to 176th Bde. On 18/6/18 Bn. joined 47th Bde., 16th Div., at Boulogne and went to England. On 20/6/18 the Bn. went to Deal and joined 18/Sco. Rif. On 2/7/18, 18/Sco. Rif. joined 48th Bde., 16th Div., and served with it for the remainder of the War.

44 Bn. formed on 7 and 8/3/18; it contained 174, 175, 177, and 200 M.G. Cos. In May, 1918, the Bn. was reduced to Training Cadre and disappeared.

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45 25/Garr. Gd. Bn. King's joined 177th Bde. from England on 12/5/18, and was transferred to 176th Bde. on 16/6/18. (Garr. Gd. was dropped by 16/7/18.)

46 4/Garr. Gd. Bn. R.W.F. joined 176th Bde. from England on 16/5/18. Bn. was redesignated 26/R.W.F. on 16/7/18.

47 5/Prov. Garr. Gd. Bn. joined 176th Bde. from Reserve Army on 13/5/18. Bn. was redesignated 17/Garr. Bn. R. Suss. on 25/5/18, and 17/R. Suss. on 16/7/18.

48 The Bde. Light T.M. Bties. were reformed to replace the previous batteries (note 35) as follows: 176th on 11/7/18; 177th on 17/8/18; and 178th on 24/6/18.

49 11/Garr. Gd. Bn. Som. L. I. joined 177th Bde. from England on 12/5/18. (Garr. Gd. was dropped by 16/7/18.)

50 15/Garr. Gd. Bn. Essex joined 177th Bde. from England on 12/5/18. (Garr. Gd. was dropped by 16/7/18.)

51 2/6/Garr. Gd. Bn., D.L.I. became a Garr. Gd. Bn. at Frinton on 1/5/18; disembkd. at Calais on 6/5/18; and joined 177th Bde., on 10/5/18. Garr. Gd. was dropped by 16/7/18. (2/6/D.L.I. had served in England with 190th Bde., 63rd Div.; 214th Bde., 71st Div.; and 226th Mixed Bde.)

52 36/Garr. Gd. Bn. N.F. joined 178th Bde. from England on 12/5/18. (Garr. Gd. was dropped by 16/7/18.)

53 11/Garr. Gd. Bn. R.S.F. joined 178th Bde. from U.K. on 12/5/18. (Garr. Gd. was dropped by 16/7/18.)

54 3/Prov. Garr. Gd. Bn. joined 176th Bde. from Reserve Army on 13/5/18; transferred to 177th Bde. on 22/5/18; redesignated 13/Garr. Bn. Duke's on 25/5/18; and transferred to 178th Bde. on 16/6/18. (Garr. was dropped on 16/7/18.)

55 2/Prov. Garr. Gd. Bn. joined 176th Bde. from Reserve Army on 13/5/18; transferred to 177th Bde. on 22/5/18; redesignated 25/Garr. Bn. K.R.R.C. on 25/5/18; and became 59th Div. Pioneers on 16/6/18. (Garr. was dropped on 16/7/18.)

56 Bn. formed at Grantham on 1/8/18 (A, B, C, and D Cos.). On 6/9/18, A became 280 M.G. Coy., and left Grantham on 18/9/18 for N. Russia. On 17/9/18 a new A Coy. was formed to replace 280 Coy. Bn. disembarked at le Havre on 28/9/18 and joined 59th Div. on 2/10/18. (Also see No. 25 Bn., M.G.C., under General Notes.)

NOTE—In Garrison Guard Battalions: 'Guard' was dropped on 25/5/18, and 'Garrison' ceased to be used from 16/7/18.

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59TH (2ND/NORTH MIDLAND) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division); and, in January, 1915, the 2nd/North Midland Division came into existence.

First enlistments for 2nd-line (or reserve) units began in September, 1914. At first the men had to live at home, and they paraded in civilian clothes until the County Associations were able to issue clothing and equipment. Recruits, however, came forward readily.

The numbers also were swelled by transferring from the 1st-line units any men who were unwilling to undertake the imperial service obligation as well as those who were medically unfit. These drafts were of considerable assistance in training the recruits.

In November issues of clothing were received; and in December equipment arrived, together with 200 rifles per battalion. In February, 1915, Japanese rifles and ammunition were issued; but it was not until between November, 1915, and March, 1916, that M.L.E. Mk. III rifles were available and the Japanese rifles could be returned. Also in March 4 Lewis guns were issued to each battalion. Analogous difficulties had to be faced in the artillery. Until March, 1915, 'quaker' guns—logs of wood mounted on any available wheels—had to be constructed and used for training the recruits; then some 90-mm. guns were obtained on loan from the French, and with some debilitated horses, more realistic gun and driving drill became possible. Later some 15-pdrs. were received and, although they were without dial sights, the arrival of these more modern equipments was much appreciated.

In the meantime, early in January, 1915, the division had concentrated around Luton, its war station, and it now formed part of Third Army, Central Force. In June, 1915, units began to furnish drafts to the 1st-line units in France, and at the same time the home-service men were transferred to provisional battalions. Then in July the division moved to a training area around St. Albans. Here, early in 1916, the batteries were made up to establishment in horses, and 18-pdrs. and 4·5″ howitzers replaced the 15-pdrs. and 5″ howitzers.

In April, 1916, the division was ordered to move to Ireland; and it moved to Dublin between the 25th April and 17th May. The 59th Division was the first Territorial Force division to serve in Ireland. After the suppression of the trouble in Dublin the division moved out to the Curragh and for the rest of the year was engaged in war training.

In January, 1917, the 59th Division was ordered to move back to England.

The division was relieved in Ireland by the 65th (2nd/Lowland) Division, and by the middle of January 59th Division concentrated at Fovant. Orders were now received that it would be sent to France, and on the 2nd February the advance parties left. On the 13th February H.M. the King inspected the 59th Division, and the division began crossing to France on the 17th February. By the 3rd March it had completed its concentration around Méricourt.

For the remainder of the Great War the 59th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:

1917

17 March–5 April ... ... **German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line** [III Corps, Fourth Army].

BATTLES OF YPRES

23–25 September ... ... **Battle of Menin Road Ridge** [V Corps, Fifth Army].

26–30 September ... ... **Battle of Polygon Wood** [V Corps, Fifth Army, until 10 a.m. 28/9; then II Anzac Corps, Second Army].

BATTLE OF CAMBRAI

28 November ... ... **Capture of Bourlon Wood** [IV Corps, Third Army].

30 Nov.–3 Dec. ... ... **German Counter-Attacks** [IV Corps, until 1/12; then V Corps, Third Army].

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FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21 March ... ... **Battle of St. Quentin** [VI Corps, Third Army].

22 and 23 March ... ... **Battle of St. Quentin** [59th Div. Arty. and 177th Bde. remained in action on 22 and 23/3, under 40th Div., VI Corps, Third Army].

24 and 25 March ... ... **Battle of Bapaume** [59th Div. Arty.* and 177th Bde., under 40th Div., VI Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF THE LYS

14 and 15 April ... ... **Battle of Bailleul** [IX Corps, Second Army].

17 and 18 April ... ... **First Battle of Kemmel Ridge****[IX Corps, Second Army].

Between the 7th and 10th May the infantry battalions, brigade trench mortar batteries, pioneer battalion, and machine-gun battalion were reduced to training cadre establishment at St. Omer. All surplus men were sent to the Base or drafted. The division then moved to Hestrus, was reconstituted as a 2nd-line division, and made up to strength with Garrison Guard battalions (see Table). Until mid-June the reconstituted division was employed on the construction of rear defences. The division was then reconstituted again, became a Garrison Division, and underwent training to enable it to hold a sector of the line. On the 25th July 59th Division took over the left sector of the line held by VI Corps, Third Army, and on the 21st August the division once more became engaged in active operations :

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

SECOND BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21 and 22 August ... ... **Battle of Albert** [VI Corps, Third Army].

2 Oct.–11 Nov. ... ... **THE FINAL ADVANCE IN ARTOIS AND FLANDERS** [XI Corps, Fifth Army].

At Armistice the division was astride the Schelde to the north of Tournai. Between the 15th–21st November the division moved to the south and south-east of Lille and was employed on training and education. On the 4th–7th December the division moved to the Noeux les Mines—Bethune area, and on the 8th–10th December transferred 178th Inf. Bde., 2/2/N.M. Fd. Ambce., and 516 Coy., A.S.C., to Dunkirk, for employment at the dispersal camp for miners returning to England. Between the 13th–15th January, 1919, 177th Bde. moved to Dieppe for demobilization duties, and on the 25th January the pioneer battalion was sent to Dunkirk to assist in the construction of the demobilization camp. On the 8th March divisional headquarters moved to Calais, and during the month other units of the division followed. Between 21st–23rd May the three battalions of 176th Bde. left Calais for Marseille, en route for Egypt. On the 16th June 19th Infantry Brigade (6/Queen's, 5/6/Sco. Rif., and 10/Sco. Rif.) joined 59th Division in the Calais area, on transfer from 33rd Division. In July 176th Bde. H.Q. was reduced to cadre and returned to England. On the 19th July Major-General C. E. D. Budworth took over the command of 59th Division, which at this time was preparing drafts both for Egypt and the Black Sea. By the 8th August the divisional artillery was demobilized and disappeared. On the 29th August orders were received to break up 59th Division. On the 1st September divisional headquarters closed and during the month cadres returned to England. The service of the 59th Division was completed.

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* 59th Division Artillery was transferred on 27/3 to 42nd Div., IV Corps, Third Army ; and, with 42nd Div., took part in the Battle of Arras (28/3) and the Battle of the Ancre (5/4/18).

** James's Force (about 2,000 of 59th Div.) served from 16–19/4/18 with 49th Div., IX Corps, Second Army.

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60TH (2ND/2ND LONDON) DIVISION

G.O.C.

9 October, 1914	Colonel E. W. D. BAIRD (acting).
24 October, 1914	Br.-Gen. T. C. P. CALLEY (sick, 26/4/15).
26 April, 1915	Colonel H. G. WEIR (acting).
29 April, 1915	Br.-Gen. T. C. P. CALLEY.
20 December, 1915	Major-General E. S. BULFIN.
6 August, 1917	Major-General J. S. M. SHEA.
6 January, 1918	Br.-Gen. F. M. EDWARDS (acting).
13 January, 1918	Br.-Gen. W. A. ROBINSON (acting).
18 January, 1918	Major-General J. S. M. SHEA.
15 July, 1918	Br.-Gen. W. A. ROBINSON (acting).
26 July, 1918	Major-General J. S. M. SHEA.
13 August, 1918	Br.-Gen. W. A. ROBINSON (acting).
25 August, 1918	Major-General J. S. M. SHEA.

G.S.O. 1.

Formation	...Major C. E. SPEARMAN (acting).
16 Mar., 1915	...Lt.-Col. A. S. DUNLOP.
21 Jan., 1916	...Lt.-Col. E. T. HUMPHREYS.
6 Aug., 1917	...Lt.-Col. A. G. C. DAWNAY (sick, 26/8/17).
26 Aug., 1917	...Major C. A. BOLTON (acting).
4 Sept., 1917	...Lt.-Col. A. C. TEMPERLEY.
10 April, 1918	...Lt.-Col. S. B. POPE.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

24 Oct., 1914	...Lt.-Col. A. ST. L. GLYN (tempy).
25 Feb., 1915	...Major P. MALCOLM (acting).
29 Mar., 1915	...Lt.-Col. P. MALCOLM.
13 Nov., 1916	...Lt.-Col. H. W. McCALL.

B.-G., R.A.

16 Jan., 1915	...Colonel H. G. WEIR.
22 Nov., 1915	...Colonel H. H. BUTLER.
12 April, 1916	...Br.-Gen. H. A. D. SIMPSON-BAIKIE.
8 Aug., 1917	...Br.-Gen. H. M. DRAKE.
23 Oct., 1917	...Lt.-Col. V. M. FERGUSSON (acting).
27 Oct., 1917	...Br.-Gen. W. A. ROBINSON.
22 July, 1918	...Lt.-Col. E. W. M. CUNINGHAME (acting).
26 July, 1918	...Br.-Gen. W. A. ROBINSON.

C.R.E.

29 Jan., 1915	...Colonel R. Q. HENRIQUES.
27 Aug., 1917	...Lt.-Col. C. B. THOMSON.
5 Jan., 1918	...Major D. F. COLSON (acting).
11 Mar., 1918	...Lt.-Col. C. B. THOMSON.
20 April, 1918	...Major D. F. COLSON (acting).
3 May, 1918	...Lt.-Col. C. B. THOMSON.
10 May, 1918	...Major D. F. COLSON (acting).
27 May, 1918	...Lt.-Col. A. J. G. BIRD.

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179th BDE.

(2nd/4th London)

9 Oct., '14...Col. E. W. D. BAIRD.
28 Dec., '15...Lt.-Col. W. R. J. MCLEAN (acting).
5 Jan., '16 Col. E. W. D. BAIRD.
28 May, '16...Br.-Gen. E. W. D. BAIRD.
9 Nov., '16...Br.-Gen. F. M. EDWARDS.
6 Jan., '18...Lt.-Col. C. B. THOMSON (acting).
25 Feb., '18...Lt.-Col. C. M. MACKENZIE (acting).
28 Feb., '18...Br.-Gen. E. T. HUMPHREYS.
10 May, '18...Lt.-Col. R. J. L. OGILBY (acting).
21 May, '18...Br.-Gen. E. T. HUMPHREYS.

180th BDE.

(2nd/5th London)

27 Nov., '14...Col. G. H. TURNER.
28 Dec., '15...Lt.-Col. H. A. CHRISTMAS (acting).
5 Jan., '16...Col. G. H. TURNER.
30 Jan., '16...Br.-Gen. H. W. STUDD.
9 Nov., '16...Br.-Gen. F. M. CARLETON.
29 Aug., '17...Lt.-Col. A. E. NORTON (acting).
30 Aug., '17...Br.-Gen. J. HILL.
11 Sept., '17...Br.-Gen. C. F. WATSON.

181st BDE.

(2nd/6th London)

19 Jan., '15...Col. G. B. STEVENS.
9 Aug., '15...Col. C. N. WATTS.
5 Mar., '16...Br.-Gen. C. Mc N. PARSONS.
15 Oct., '16...Br.-Gen. E. C. DA COSTA.
5–14 June, '18...Lt.-Col. J. A. JERVOIS (acting).
22 June, '18...Lt.-Col. A. D. BORTON, V.C. (acting).
23 Aug., '18...Br.-Gen. E. C. DA COSTA.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 60th Division :—

MOUNTED TROOPS :—B. Sqdn., 1/1/Hants. Carabiniers, joined Div. at Warminster on 26/4/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 25/6/16, and Sqdn. was attached to 1/York. Hsrs. (XVII Corps Cav.) on 8/7/16, and it rejoined Regt. (IX Corps Cavalry) on 19/1/17. **A Sqdn., D. of L. Yeomanry,** attached to 60th Div. in August, 1917 (whilst en route from 53rd Division to XXI Corps Cav. Regt.).

ARTILLERY :—2/2nd London Heavy Battery, served with 60th Div. from 9/4/15 (when it moved to its war station near Hemel Hempstead) until 24/1/16, when the Hy. Bty. was transferred to 61st (2nd/S. Midland) Division. On 9/3/17 the Hy. Bty. joined 71st Div. ; on 12/2/18 the Hy. Bty. (with 226th Mixed Bde.) was transferred from 71st Div. to 67th Div. ; the Hy. Bty. served in England with 67th Div. until Dec., 1918.

1/1/Wessex (Hampshire) Heavy Battery, was attached from 7/4/15. Officers and men of this Heavy Battery had been used in Dec., 1914, to form the greater part of the 28th Division Ammn. Coln. Some offrs. and men eventually rejoined the Bty., but as late as Dec., 1915, the Hy. Bty. had no guns or equipment, and possessed only personnel, horses, and harness. The Hy. Bty. left the 60th Division on 24/1/16, and was attached to 61st Div. The Hy. Bty. embarked for France on 22/4/16, and joined XLI H. A. Group on 25/4/16.

2/1/Wessex (Hampshire) Heavy Battery, joined the 60th Division in April, 1915, and served with the division in England. This Hy. Bty. never went overseas and was used to provide drafts for the 1/1/Hants. Hy. Bty. The Hy. Bty. joined 61st Div. on 24/1/16 ; and the Hy. Bty. was broken up by Oct., 1916.

413 (H.), see note 38.

519 (H.), see note 13.

ENGINEERS :—2/3/London Fd. Coy., formed in Oct., 1914, and joined 2nd/2nd London Div. The Fd. Coy. left Div. and landed at le Havre on 23/6/15. The Fd. Coy. joined 47th Div. on 25/6/15, and for the remainder of the War it served with the 47th Div. In 1917 the Fd. Coy. was numbered 520.

PIONEERS :—2/155 Pioneers, from 28/6/18–19/7/18. The Pioneer Battalion was transferred to the 10th Division.

OTHER UNITS :—60th Sanitary Section, joined 60th Division at Sutton Veny on 29/2/16, and served with the division for the remainder of the War.

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60TH[1] (2ND/2ND LONDON) DIVISION

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 February (England)	2/4th London 2/5th London 2/6th London	2/13/Lond., 2/14/Lond., 2/15/Lond., 2/16/Lond. 2/17/Lond., 2/18/Lond., 2/19/Lond., 2/20/Lond. 2/21/Lond., 2/22/Lond., 2/23/Lond., 2/24/Lond.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2/4/London	2/2nd London	...	...	2/4/London 2/5/London 2/6/London	...	...	2/2nd London
1915 November (England)	179th[1] ... (2/4th London) 180th[1] ... (2/5th London) 181st[1]..... (2/6th London)	2/13/Lond., 2/14/Lond., 2/15/Lond., 2/16/Lond. 2/17/Lond., 2/18/Lond., 2/19/Lond., 2/20/Lond. 2/21/Lond., 2/22/Lond., 2/23/Lond., 2/24/Lond.	2/2nd Cty. of Lond.[2] Yeo. 60th (2/2nd Lond.)[5] Div. Cyclist Coy.	2/V Lond.[4] 2/VI Lond.[5] 2/VII Lond[6] 2/VIII Lond.[7] (H.)	2/12/Lond., 2/13/Lond., 2/14/Lond. 2/15/Lond., 2/16/Lond., 2/17/Lond. 2/18/Lond., 2/19/Lond., 2/20/Lond. 2/21/Lond. (H.), 2/22/Lond. (H.)	2/V Lond.[8] 2/VI Lond.[8] 2/VII Lond.[8] 2/VIII Lond.[8] (H.)	...	...	60th D.A.C.[8] (2/2nd Lond.)	3/3/London 2/4/London 1/6/London	60th (2/2nd Lond.)	...	...	2/4/London 2/5/London 2/6 London	...	...	60th[9] (2/2nd London)
1916 June (France)	179th..... 180th..... 181st	2/13/Lond., 2/14/Lond., 2/15/Lond., 2/16/Lond.; 179th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[10] 179th T.M. Bty.[11] 2/17/Lond., 2/18/Lond., 2/19/Lond., 2/20/Lond.; 180th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[10] 180th T.M. Bty.[11] 2/21/Lond., 2/22/Lond., 2/23/Lond., 2/24/Lond.; 181st Bde. M.G. Coy.;[10] 181st T.M. Bty.[11]	60th Div.[5] Cyclist Coy.	CCC[4]; [12] ..... CCCI[5]; [13] ..... CCCII[6]; [14] ... CCCIII[7]; [15] ...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...[8]	X.60[16] Y.60[16] Z.60[16]	W.60[17]	60th D.A.C.[8]	3/3/London 2/4/London 1/6/London	60th	1/12/L.N.L.[18] (P.)	...	2/4/London 2/5/London 2/6/London	2/2nd London	...	60th
1917 February (Macedonia)	179th..... 180th..... 181st	2/13/Lond., 2/14/Lond., 2/15/Lond., 2/16/Lond.; 179th M.G. Coy.;[41] 179th T.M. Bty.; S.A.A. Sec. Ammn. Coln.[19] 2/17/Lond., 2/18/Lond., 2/19/Lond., 2/20/Lond.; 180th M.G. Coy.;[41] 180th T.M. Bty.; S.A.A. Sec. Ammn. Coln.[19] 2/21/Lond., 2/22/Lond., 2/23/Lond., 2/24/Lond.; 181st M.G. Coy.;[41] 181st T.M. Bty.; S.A.A. Sec. Ammn. Coln.[19]	...	CCCI[20] ..... CCCII[21]..... CCCIII[22]	A, B; D (H.)[56] A, B; D (H.)[57] A, B; D (H.)[59]	CCCI B.A.C.[8]; [25] CCCII B.A.C.[8]; [25] CCCIII B.A.C.[8]; [25]	X.60[24] Y.60[24] Z.60[24]	...	60th [8]; [25] D.A.C.	519th[25] (3/3/Lond.) 521st[25] (2/4/Lond.) 522nd[25] (1/6/Lond.)	60th	1/12/L.N.L.[26] (P.)	...	2/4/London 2/5/London 2/6/London	2/2nd London	...	60th[27]

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1918 June (Palestine)	179th	2/13/Lond., 2/14/Lond.,[28] 2/15/Lond.,[28] 2/16/Lond.;[28] 179th T.M. Bty.	...	CCCI	A, B ;[55] C (H.)[56]	...[25]	...[24]	...	60th D.A.C.[25]	519th	60th	...	No. 60 Bn.,[41] M.G.C.	2/4/ London [53]	2/2nd London	...	60th[27]
	180th	2/17/Lond.,[29] 2/18/Lond.,[50] 2/19/Lond., 2/20/Lond. ;[51] 180th T.M. Bty.		CCCII	A, B ; C (H.)[58]					521st				2/5/ London [53]			
	181st	2/21/Lond.,[52] 2/22/Lond., 2/23/Lond.,[53] 2/24/Lond. ;[54] 181st T.M. Bty.		CCCIII	A, B ; C (H.)[59]					522nd[40]				2/6/ London [53]			
1918 September (Palestine)	179th	2/13/Lond. ; 2/19/Punjabis,[42] 2/127/Baluchis,[43] 3/151/ Inf. ;[44] 179th T.M. Bty.	...	CCCI	A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	60th D.A.C.	519th	60th	2/10752 (P.)	No. 60 Bn., M.G.C.	121st C.F.A.[53]	2/2nd London	...	60th
	180th	2/19/Lond. ; 2/Guides,[45] 2/30/Punjabis,[45], 1/50/ Kumaon Rif.;[47] 180th T.M. Bty.		CCCII	A, B ; C (H.)[58]					521st				160th C.F.A.[53]			
	181st	2/22/Lond. ; 2/97/Inf.,[48] 130/ Baluchis,[49] 2/152/Inf. ;[50] 181st T.M. Bty.		CCCIII	A, B ; C (H.)					No. 1 Coy.,[51] (K.G.O.) S. & M.				179th C.F.A.[53]			

NOTES

1 2nd-line T.F. Divisions and 2nd-line T.F. Inf. Bdes. were designated by numbers in August, 1915. (Authy.—40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15).

2 Joined Div. at Harlow on 24/6/15, and was transferred to 61st (2/S. Mid.) Div. on 24/1/16.

3 Cyclist Coy. formed in May, 1915 ; went to France with Div., and on 5/9/16 was transferred to the Cavalry Corps.

4 Bde. reached its war station on 9/6/15. All Bties. were rearmed in England with 18-pdrs. ; and on 28/4/16 a fourth 18-pdr. Bty. (3/1/Wessex) joined. On 17 and 18/5/16 the Bde. became CCC Bde. and original Bties. were lettered A, B, and C ; the Bde. was then reorganized : 2/21/Lond. (H.) joined and became D (H.) ; 3/1/Wessex was transferred to CCCIII and became A/CCCIII.

5 Bde. reached its war station on 15/6/15. All Bties. were rearmed in England with 18-pdrs. ; and on 28/4/16 a fourth 18-pdr. Bty. (3/2/Wessex) joined. On 17 and 18/5/16 the Bde. became CCCI Bde. and original Bties. were lettered A, B, and C ; the Bde. was then reorganized : 3/2/Wessex was transferred to CCCIII and became B/CCCIII.

6 Bde. reached its war station on 9/4/15. All Bties. were rearmed in England with 18-pdrs. ; and on 28/4/16 a fourth 18-pdr. Bty. (3/3/Wessex) joined. On 17 and 18/5/16 the Bde. became CCCII Bde. and original Bties. were lettered A, B, and C ; the Bde. was then reorganized : 3/3/Wessex was transferred to CCCIII and became C/CCCIII ; 2/22 Lond. (H.) joined from CCCIII and became D (H.).

7 The How. Bde. was formed, at Plumstead, in Oct., 1914. Bde. reached its war station on 9/4/15. Both Bties. were rearmed in England with 4·5" Hows. ; and on 28/4/16 a third 4·5" How. Bty. (4/LX How.) joined. On 17 and 18/5/16 the Bde. was renumbered CCCIII, and the Bde. was reorganized : 2/21 (H.) left and became D (H.)/CCC ; 2/22 (H.) left and became D (H.)/CCCII ; 4/LX became D (H.)/CCCIII ; and 3/1, 3/2 ; and 3/3/Wessex (18-pdr.) Bties. joined and became A, B, and C (see notes 4, 5 and 6).

8 Before embarkation for France, B.A.C.s were abolished and the D.A.C. was reorganized ; then, between 8-11/11/16 (before embarkation for Macedonia), CCCI, CCCII, and CCCIII B.A.C.s were reformed and the D.A.C. was again reorganized.

9 The Train consisted of Nos. 517, 518, 519, 520 Cos., A.S.C.

10 179 M.G. Coy. was formed at Grantham on 27/3/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 27/6/16, and joined 60th Div. on 29/6/16. 180 and 181 M.G. Cos. went to France with 179, and joined Div. on 29/6/16.

11 The L.T.M. personnel went to France with 60th Div., then went to the T.M. School, and rejoined the 60th Div. on 4/7/16 (with mortars).

12 On 30 and 31/8/16 CCC was broken up : D (H.) became D (H.)/CCCI ; A and 1/2 B joined CCCII ; and 1/2 B and C went to CCCIII.

13 Bde. was reorganized on 30 and 31/8/16 : A was broken up to made B and C up to 6 guns each ; and D (H.)/CCC joined and became D (H.)/CCCI. On 20/10/16, 519 (H.) joined (from England) and became A (H.). On 5/11/16 the Bde. was reorganized for Macedonia in 4-gun Bties. : A was reformed from 1 Sec. B and 1 Sec. C ; and A (H.) became D (H.)/CCC, and was transferred to Lahore Div.

14 Bde. was reorganized in 6-gun 18-pdr. Bties. on 30 and 31/8/16 : R. Sec. A/CCC joined A/CCCII ; L. Sec. A/CCC joined B ; and 1 Sec. B/CCC made up C/CCCII. On 5/11/16 the Bde. was reorganized for Macedonia in the original 4-gun 18-pdr. Bties. : A/CCC was reformed and made up to 6 18-pdrs. by withdrawing the section of B/CCC from C/CCCII. A/CCC was then transferred to XXVIII (with 5th Div.) ; and, on 21/1/17, A/CCC joined XV (with 5th Div.), and served with XV for the remainder of the War.

15 Bde. was reorganized in 6-gun 18-pdr. Bties. on 30 and 31/8/16 : 1 Sec. B/CCC joined A/CCCIII ; L. Sec. C/CCC joined B ; and R. Sec. C/CCC made up C/CCCIII. On 5/11/16 the Bde. was reorganized for Macedonia in the original 4-gun 18-pdr. Bties : the sec. of B/CCC and the 2 secs. of C/CCC were withdrawn and made into a 6-gun 18-pdr. Bty., which was designated B/CCC, and became an instructional battery at First Army School.

16 The Med. T.M. Bties. joined 60th Div. on 6/7/16, from T.M. School.

17 W.60 was formed in France on 28/7/16 ; and W.60 remained in France when 60th Div. left for Macedonia. [OVER

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NOTES (contd.)

18 Joined Div. in England on 1/6/16 and went to France with 60th Div. The Pioneer Bn. was transferred to 32nd Div. on 16/11/16; the Bn. left 32nd Div. on 5/1/17, reached Salonika on 23/1/17, and rejoined 60th Div. on 13/2/17.

19 From arrival in Macedonia in Dec., 1916, and until the departure of the 60th Div. for Egypt in June, 1917, 1 S.A.A. Sec. was attached to each Inf. Bde.

20 On arrival in Macedonia, A was broken up on 20/12/16, to complete B and C to 6 18-pdrs. each; B and C were then redesignated A and B.

21 On arrival in Macedonia, C was broken up on 10/1/17, to complete A and B to 6 18-pdrs. each.

22 On arrival in Macedonia, R. Sec. of C joined A and L. Sec. of C joined B on 22/12/16, to complete A and B to 6 18-pdrs. each.

23 On arrival in Egypt, B.A.C.s were abolished between 11-23/6/17 and the D.A.C. was reorganized.

24 On arrival in Egypt, the Med. T.M. Batteries were disbanded: X on 28/7/17; Y on 29/7/17; and Z on 28 and 29/7/17. Mortars, etc., were returned to Ordnance Stores, and the personnel was drafted to various Batteries in the Divnl. Arty.

25 The Fd. Cos. were numbered: 3/3/Lond. on 5/2/17; 2/4/Lond. on 7/2/17; and 1/6/Lond. on 1/2/17.

26 Pioneer Bn. was transferred to 74th Div., and joined on 10/4/18 at Sarafand.

27 On arrival in Macedonia the Train was reorganized in Dec., 1916, in Pack Echelon (Nos. 861, 862, 863, and 864 Cos., A.S.C.) and Wheeled Echelon (Nos. 517, 518, 519, and 520 Cos.). Between 8-15/6/17, on preparing to move to Egypt, the Train was again reorganized: Pack Echelon ceased to exist; Pack and Wheel Cos. were merged into one, and the Train henceforth consisted of Nos. 517, 518, 519, and 520 Cos., A.S.C.

28 2/14, 2/15, 2/16 Lond. left 179th Bde. on 30/5/18, sailed from Alexandria on 18/6/18, arrived Taranto on 22/6/18, detrained Audruicq on 1 and 2/7/18, and joined 90th Bde., 30th Div., at Serques and Moulle on 1 and 2/7/18.

29 Left Bde. on 27/5/18, sailed from Alexandria on 18/6/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 22/6/18, detrained Audruicq on 30/6/18, and joined 89th Bde., 30th Div., at Ouest Mont.

30 The Bn. was disbanded between 4-7/7/18, and drafts joined 1/R. Ir. Regt., 2/R. Ir. Fus., 1/Leins., and Rft. Camp, Lydda. Horses, mules, saddlery, and stores were handed in at Lydda.

31 Left Bde. 27/5/18, sailed from Alexandria, on 24/6-3/7/18, disembkd. Taranto on 30/6-8/7/18. Bn. concentrated at Abancourt on 16/7/18, and on 19/7/18 was attached to 198th Bde., 66th Div. The Bn. left Abancourt on 9/8/18 and joined 185th Bde., 62nd Div., at Thièvres.

32 The Bn. was disbanded on 3/6/18, and distributed between 2/13, 2/19, and 2/22 Lond. in 60th Div.

33 Left Bde. 26/5/18, sailed from Alexandria on 24/6/18, disembkd. Taranto on 30/6/18, detrained Arques on 8/7/18, and joined 21st Bde., 30th Div., at Clairmarais.

34 Left Bde. 26/5/18, embkd. at Alexandria on 3/7/18, disembkd. Taranto on 8/7/18, arrd. Serqueux on 15/7/18, and on 28/7/18 was attached to 198th Bde., 66th Div. Bn. left Abancourt on 10/9/18 and joined 173rd Bde., 58th Div., at Guyencourt on 11/9/18.

35 B/CCCI was transferred to 74th Div. on 17/6/17, and became A/CCLXVIII. On 25/3/18 A/CCLXVIII rejoined CCCI and became B/CCCI.

36 On 20/6/17 D (H.) was redesignated C (H.).

37 On 19/6/17 D (H.)/CCCII was transferred to 74th Div. and became C (H.)/CCLXVIII. In April, 1918, C (H.)/CCLXVIII became D (H.)/XLIV in 74th Div.

38 On 10/10/17 413 (H.) arrived and joined CCCII. 413 (H.) was then designated C (H.).

39 On 20/6/17 D (H.) was redesignated C (H.).

40 Transferred to 7th (Indian) Div. on 18/7/18.

41 Bn. formed between 14-17/5/18; it consisted of 179th, 180th, and 181st M.G. Cos.

42 Bn. mobd. at Ft. Sandeman, 19/12/17; sailed from Karachi, 11/5/18; disembkd. Suez, 21/5/18, and joined 179th Bde. at 'Ain 'Ariq on 23/6/18.

43 Bn. mobd. at Multan, 19/4/18; sailed from Karachi, 18/5/18; disembkd. Suez, 29/5/18, and joined 179th Bde. at 'Ain 'Ariq on 26/6/18.

44 Bn. was formed at Latrun and 'Ain 'Ariq between 24/5-27/6/18. Bn. consisted of Cos. from 1/Guides, 38/Dogras, 58/Rif., and 59/Rif. Bn. joined 179th Bde. at 'Ain 'Ariq on 4/6/18.

45 Bn. mobd. at Nowshera, 10/2/18; sailed from Bombay, 28/5/18; disembkd. Suez, 9/6/18, and joined 180th Bde. near Deir Ibzia on 13/7/18.

46 Bn. mobd. at Lahore, 24/4-20/5/18; sailed from Karachi, 3/6/18; disembkd. Suez, 18/6/18, and joined 180th Bde. at The Plateau on 1/8/18.

47 Bn. disembkd. Suez on 6/6/18, and joined 180th Bde. near Bir ez Zeit on 23/7/18.

48 Bn. left Sitapur 15/5/18; sailed from Bombay, 18/5/18; disembkd. Suez, 30/5/18, and joined 181st Bde. beyond Beit Nuba on 28/6/18.

49 Bn. left Ferozepore, 12/5/18; sailed from Karachi, 15/5/18; disembkd. Suez, 20/5/18, and joined 181st Bde. at Wadi el Kelb on 26/6/18.

50 Bn. was formed at Hinaidi between 16-19/5/18. Bn. consisted of Cos. from 37/Dogras and 62/, 67/, and 84/Punjabis. Bn. sailed 19/5/18; disembkd. Nahr Umar, 23/5/18; embkd. Nahr Umar, 2/6/18; disembkd. Suez, 20/6/18, and joined 181st Bde. beyond Beit Nuba on 30/6/18.

51 Coy. joined 60th Div. at Bire and 'Ain 'Ariq between 12-16/7/18.

52 Bn. mobd. at Allahabad, between 6-20/6/18; sailed from Bombay, 26/6/18; disembkd. Suez, 8/7/18, and employed on Palestine L. of C. Bn. (less A and D Cos.) joined 60th Div. on the sea-shore north of Arsuf at mn., 16/17/9/18. (A and D Cos. were attached to the 3rd (Lahore) Div. from 15-27/9/18. On 27/9/18 the 2 Cos. rejoined the Bn. at Baqa.)

53 121st, 160th, and 179th C.F.A.s joined 60th Div. at 'Ain 'Ariq on 29/6, 30/6, and 1/7/18; and 2/4/Lond., 2/5/Lond., and 2/6/Lond. Fd. Ambces. were broken up between 30/6-4/7/18, and handed over to 121st, 160th, and 179th C.F.A.s.

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60TH (2ND/2ND LONDON) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division); and, owing to the large number of recruits who came forward, the 2nd/2nd London Division came into existence soon afterwards. For a few weeks the men lived at home and attended daily for preliminary training at the headquarters of the 1st-line units. The first parades, however, were in civilian clothes and mostly without arms. Uniforms, arms, equipment, and stores only became gradually available. In 1914 no guns or horses could be issued to the artillery; but the batteries improvised dummy wooden guns, equipped them with wooden sights, and mounted them on handcarts. In this way some preliminary training was accomplished; and, by January, 1915, this 2nd-line division was able to send out drafts to 1st-line units which were already in France. On the 26th January Japanese rifles (each with 100 rounds of ammunition) were received; but it was not until February that any 15-pdr. guns reached the batteries, and 5″ howitzers did not become available until May, 1915.

In October, 1914, a partial concentration of the infantry of the division was made at the White City (Shepherds Bush). In December, 1914, and January, 1915, the division moved out of London, concentrated in the Dorking–Reigate area, and joined Second Army, Central Force. During January, 1915, the battalions adopted the 4-company organization. On the 21st January Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener, accompanied by the French Minister of War, inspected the division on Epsom Downs, but at this time only one battalion was fully equipped with efficient rifles. In March the division provided heavy drafts to bring its 1st-line division up to establishment before the latter embarked for France. A vigorous recruiting campaign then became essential to restore the depleted strength of the 2nd/2nd London Division.

In March, 1915, the division took the place of the 2nd London Division in Third Army, Central Force, and moved into the St. Albans area. At the end of May it moved into Hertfordshire and Essex (with divisional headquarters at Bishops Stortford).

By the middle of November, 1915, the Japanese ·256″ rifles were handed in, and 6,300 303″ rifles (with 1,890,000 rounds of ammunition) were received by the division. At the end of this month 18-pdr. Q.F. equipments began to arrive, and 4·5″ howitzers followed soon after. Progressive training for war was pushed on.

In January 1916, orders were received that the division would move to the Warminster training area (Salisbury Plain), and it moved there towards the end of the month. Divisional headquarters opened at Sutton Veny and the division was attached to the Emergency Reserve. On the 24th April the division was warned that it would shortly proceed to France; and on the 31st May H.M. the King inspected the 60th Division at Sutton Veny.

On the 14th June the division received orders to send advance parties to le Havre (on the 15th) and Boulogne (on the 18th), and the division began to cross to France on the 21st June. By the 29th the move had been completed and the division was concentrated in XVII Corps area. Throughout the remainder of the Great War the 60th Division served firstly on the Western Front in France and Belgium, then in Macedonia, and lastly in Egypt and Palestine. The division was engaged in the following operations:

1916

On the 1st November intimation reached the division that it was to move to Macedonia, and between 4–24 November a certain amount of reorganization was undertaken (see Table). The division entrained at Longpré from 14–25 November and (moving via Marseille and Malta) it assembled at Salonika on Christmas Day.

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1917

24 and 25 April ; and 8 and 9 May } **Battle of Dojran** [XII Corps].

On the 1st June the division was withdrawn and moved back to Uchantar (7 miles N.W. of Salonika). The division was now destined for Egypt, and on the 4th June reorganization began (to conform with the E.E.F. scale) ; but the final reorganization of the divisional train (into wheel and camel transport) took place in Alexandria, in July. The division began embarkation at Salonika on the 12th June, and by the 4th July it completed its concentration at Moascar, in the Southern Canal Section. On the next day the division began to move forward, and by the 23rd July it concentrated at Deir el Balah (8 miles S.W. of Gaza). For the rest of the Great War the 60th Division served with the E.E.F. in Palestine and was engaged in the following operations :

30 Oct.–7 Nov. ... ... **THIRD BATTLE OF GAZA** [XX Corps].

31 October ... ... **Capture of Beersheba** [XX Corps].
6 November ... ... **Capture of the Sheria Position** [XX Corps].

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8 and 9 December ... **Capture of Jerusalem** [XX Corps].
26–30 December ... **Defence of Jerusalem** [XX Corps].

1918

19–21 February ... ... **Capture of Jericho** [XX Corps].
8–12 March ... ... **Tell 'Asur** (181st Bde., in Reserve) [XX Corps].
21 March–2 April ... **First Trans-Jordan Raid** [Shea's Force].
27–30 March ... ... **Attack on 'Amman** (2/17 and 2/18 Lond. (180th Bde.) and 181st Bde.) [Chaytor's Column].
30 April–4 May ... **Second Trans-Jordan Raid** [Desert Mtd. Corps].

Between 26/5–1/8/18 the division (with the exception of the artillery) was changed to the Indian establishment : the infantry brigades were reformed, with one British and three Indian Army battalions each ; an Indian S. and M. company and three combined field ambulances joined the division ; and, just before the attack, the pioneer battalion arrived. (See Table.)

THE FINAL OFFENSIVE

THE BATTLES OF MEGIDDO

19–21 September ... **Battle of Sharon** [XXI Corps].

After the capture of Tul Karm the pursuit devolved on the mounted troops, and the 60th Division was then employed on salvage work. On the 24th September the division passed directly under army control, and divisional headquarters moved to Mulebbis. Early in October the division moved back to the 'Auja. It was still in this area on the 31st October when the Armistice with Turkey came into force.

On the 3rd November the division moved to Lydda ; on the 8th the move back via Qantara to Alexandria was begun, and by the 26th the whole division reached Alexandria. Demobilization gradually took place. In the middle of February, 1919, three Indian battalions left the division to return to India. Nevertheless the shrunken division was always held ready to cope with any local disturbance, and it was employed in collecting contraband arms and ammunition. Gradually units were reduced to cadre, the remaining Indian units left, brigades were disbanded ; and by the 31st May, 1919, the 60th Division passed out of existence.

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61st (2nd/SOUTH MIDLAND) DIVISION

G.O.C.

8 January, 1915	Br.-Gen. Marquis of Salisbury.
27 August, 1915	Br.-Gen. E. K. Daubeney (acting).
4 September, 1915	Br.-Gen. Marquis of Salisbury.
17 September, 1915	Br.-Gen. E. K. Daubeney (acting).
23 September, 1915	Br.-Gen. Marquis of Salisbury.
21 December, 1915	Major-General R. Bannatine-Allason.
4 February, 1916	Major-General C. J. Mackenzie (wd., 27/4/18 ; to hospital, 20/5/18).
20 May, 1918	Br.-Gen. R. G. Ouseley (acting).
28 May, 1918	Major-General C. J. Mackenzie (evacd. sick, 31/5/18).
31 May, 1918	Br.-Gen. R. G. Ouseley (acting).
14 June, 1918	Major-General F. J. Duncan.

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8 Jan., 1915	Major R. O. Chesney (acting).
9 April, 1915	Colonel E. S. Heard.
17 July, 1915	Major R. O. Chesney (acting).
30 July, 1915	Lt.-Col. A. R. Burrowes.
1 Mar., 1916	Lt.-Col. Sir H. Wake, Bt.
12 Dec., 1917	Lt.-Col. J. T. Weatherby.
16 Mar., 1918	Lt.-Col. R. O'H. Livesay.
21 Aug., 1918	Lt.-Col. W. S. Whetherly.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

8 Jan., 1915	Captain R. E. Salkeld (acting).
3 April, 1915	Major A. L. Law (acting).
15 April, 1915	Lt.-Col. A. L. Law.
19 Mar., 1916	Lt.-Col. C. C. Marindin.
20 Sept., 1916	Lt.-Col. H. T. C. Singleton.

B.-G., R.A.

22 Jan., 1915	Colonel W. Hanna (sick, 4/11/15).
4 Nov., 1915	Lt.-Col. F. Hilder (acting).
7 Nov., 1915	Lt.-Col. F. K. S. Metford (acting).
10 Nov., 1915	Colonel R. E. Lyon (acting).
18 Nov., 1915	Colonel W. Hanna (sick, 21/11/15).
21 Nov., 1915	Colonel R. E. Lyon (acting).
4 Dec., 1915	Colonel W. Hanna (sick, 10/12/15).
10 Dec., 1915	Colonel R. E. Lyon (acting).
16 Jan., 1916	Colonel W. Hanna.
11 Feb., 1916	Colonel L. G. F. Gordon.
19 April, 1916	Br.-Gen. R. C. Coates.
21 April, 1917	Br.-Gen. R. G. Ouseley.

C.R.E.

12 Sept., 1914	Lt.-Col. J. L. V. S. Williams.
19 Sept., 1916	Major O. S. Davies (acting).
2 Oct., 1916	Lt.-Col. G. E. J. Durnford.

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182nd BDE.

(2nd/1st Warwick)

11 Jan., '15...Colonel H. PALMER.
19 Mar., '15...Br.-Gen. E. K. DAUBENEY (sick, 18/12/15).
18 Dec., '15...Colonel H. J. NUTT (acting).
22 Dec., '15...Br.-Gen. E. K. DAUBENEY.
13 Feb., '16...Br.-Gen. A. F. GORDON (injured, 18/10/16).
18 Oct., '16...Br.-Gen. F. BURNELL-NUGENT (sick, 18/1/17).
18 Jan., '17...Br.-Gen. C. A. BLACKLOCK.
8 Mar., '17...Lt.-Col. J. F. CLYNE (acting).
12 Mar., '17...Br.-Gen. Hon. C. J. SACKVILLE-WEST.
14 Sept., '17...Br.-Gen. W. D. CROFT.
23 Sept., '17...Br.-Gen. W. K. EVANS.

183rd BDE.

(2nd/1st Glouc. and Worc.)

11 Jan., '15...Colonel Sir J. W. BARNSLEY.
3 May, '16...Br.-Gen. C. G. STEWART.
28 July, '16...Major C. L. PORTER (acting).
30 July, '16...Br.-Gen. A. H. SPOONER.
18 Sept., '18...Lt.-Col. N. C. BURNAND (acting).
21 Sept., '18...Br.-Gen. B. D. L. G. ANLEY.

184th BDE.

(2nd/1st S. Midland)

9 Jan., '15...Colonel W. R. LUDLOW.
23 Feb., '16...Br.-Gen. Hon. C. G. FORTESCUE.
7 May, '16...Br.-Gen. C. H. P. CARTER.
31 July, '16...Br.-Gen. W. J. DUGAN (wd., 8/9/16).
8 Sept., '16...Lt.-Col. P. BALFOUR (acting).
12 Sept., '16...Br.-Gen. Hon. R. WHITE (wd., 22/3/18).
23 Mar., '18...Lt.-Col. H. DE R. WETHERALL (acting; wd., 25/3/18).
25 Mar., '18...Lt.-Col. A. B. LAWSON (acting).
26 Mar., '18...Lt.-Col. L. L. BILTON (acting).
28 Mar., '18...Br.-Gen. A. W. PAGAN.
14 Oct., '18...Br.-Gen. A. F. A. N. THORNE.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 61st Division :—

IN ENGLAND

MOUNTED TROOPS :—2/2/County of London Yeo., arrived from the 60th Division on 24/1/16, and served with the 61st Div. until the division moved to Wiltshire in February, 1916.

ARTILLERY :—1/1/Wessex (Hampshire) Heavy Battery, arrived from the 60th Division on 24/1/16 and served with the 61st Div. until the division moved to Wiltshire in February, 1916. This Hy. Bty. embkd. for France on 22/4/16, and joined XLI H.A. Group on 25/4/16.

2/1/Wessex (Hampshire) Heavy Battery, arrived from the 60th Division on 24/1/16 and served with the 61st Div. until the division moved to Wiltshire. This 2nd-line Hy. Bty. remained in England and was used for training drafts. The Hy. Bty. was broken up by Oct., 1916.

2/2/London Heavy Battery, arrived from the 60th Division on 24/1/16 and served with the 61st Div. until 3/2/16. On 9/3/17 the Hy. Bty. joined 71st Div.

2/1/S. Midland (Warwickshire) Heavy Battery, served with the division until 3/2/16. On 4/2/16 this 2nd-line heavy battery took over the guns of 117 Hy. Bty., R.G.A. From Septr., 1916–Aug., 1917 the Hy. Bty. served with 67th (2nd Home Cties.) Div.; and from January, 1918, until the Armistice it was at Wingham, attached to the Cyclist Div.

ENGINEERS :—2/1/S. Midland Fd. Coy., disembarked at le Havre on 7/6/15, joined 48th (S. Midland) Division on 10/6/15. The Fd. Coy. served for the remainder of the War, in France and Italy, with the 48th Division. The Fd. Coy. was numbered 477th.

IN FRANCE

MOUNTED TROOPS :—C Sqdn., 1/1/Hants. Carabiniers, see note 4.
61st (2/1/S. Midld.) Cyclist Coy., see note 5.

ARTILLERY :—59th Division Artillery (CCXCV and CCXCVI) from 8/8–26/8/18.
520 (H.) Battery, see note 14.

MACHINE-GUN UNIT :—267th Machine-Gun Company, see note 32.

OTHER UNITS :—61st Sanitary Section, went overseas with the division and served with the division until 12/4/17. On 18/4/17 the section was transferred to a IV Corps Sanitary Area.

On 22/2/18 the reorganization of the division on a 9-battalion basis was completed; and on 27/2/18 the pioneer battalion was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

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61st[1] (2nd/SOUTH MIDLAND) DIVISION — ORDER OF BATTLE, 1915-1918

Dates	INFANTRY: Brigades	INFANTRY: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Brigades	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Batteries	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	ARTILLERY: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 March (England)	2/1st Warwick 2/1st Glouc. & Worc. 2/1st S. Midland	2/5/R. War., 2/6/R. War., 2/7/R. War., 2/8/R. War. 2/4/Gloucs., 2/6/Gloucs., 2/7/Worc., 2/8/Worc. 2/5/Gloucs., 2/4/O. & B.L.I., 2/1/Bucks., 2/4/R. Berks.	2/1/Bedford[2] Yeo.; 2/1/S. Midld.[3] Div. Cyclist Coy.	2/I S. Midld. 2/II S. Midld. 2/III S. Midld. 2/IV S. Midld. (H.)	2/1/Gloucs., 2/2/Gloucs., 2/3/Gloucs. 2/1/Worc., 2/2/Worc., 2/3/Worc. 2/1/War., 2/2/ War., 2/3/War. 2/4/War. (H.), 2/5/War. (H.)	2/I S. Midld. 2/II S. Midld. 2/III S. Midld. 2/IV S. Midld. (H.)	...	...	...	2/2/S. Midld. 3/1/S. Midld.	2/1/S. Midld.	...	...	2/1/S. Midld. 2/2/S. Midld. 2/3/S. Midld.	...	...	2/1/S. Midld.
1916 May (England)	182nd[1] ... (2/1st Warwick) 183rd[1] ... (2/1st Gloucs. & Worc.) 184th[1] ... (2/1st S. Midld.)	2/5/R. War., 2/6/R. War., 2/7/R. War., 2/8/R. War. 2/4/Gloucs., 2/6/Gloucs., 2/7/Worc., 2/8/Worc. 2/5/Gloucs., 2/4/O. & B.L.I., 2/1/Bucks., 2/4/R. Berks.	C Sqdn.,[4] 1/1/Hants. Carabnrs. 2/1/S. Midld.[5] Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCV[6] ..... (2/I S. Midld.) CCCVI[6] ..... (2/II/ S. Midld.) CCCVII[6] ..... (2/III S. Midld.) CCCVIII[6] ..... (2/IV S. Midld.)	A (2/1/Gloucs.), B (2/2/Gloucs.), C (2/3/Gloucs.). A (2/1/Worcs.), B (2/2/Worcs.), C (2/3/Worcs.), D (H.) (2/4/War.). A (2/1/War.), B (2/2/War.), C (2/3/War.), D (H.) (2/5/War.). A, B, C, D (H.)	...	...	...	61st[7] (2/1/S. Midld.) D.A.C.	1/3/S. Midld. 2/2/S. Midld. 3/1/S. Midld.	61st (2/1/S. Midld.)	1/5/D. C.L.I.[17] (P.)	...	2/1/S. Midld. 2/2/S. Midld. 2/3/S. Midld.	61st (2/1/S. Midld.)	...	61st (2/1/S. Midld.)[6]
1916 July (France)	182nd..... 183rd..... 184th.....	2/5/R. War., 2/6/R. War., 2/7/R. War., 2/8/R. War.; 182nd Bde. M.G. Coy.;[9] 182nd T.M. Bty.[10] 2/4/Gloucs., 2/6/Gloucs., 2/7/Worc., 2/8/Worc.; 183rd Bde. M.G. Coy.;[9] 183rd T.M. Bty.[10] 2/5/Gloucs., 2/4/O. & B.L.I., 2/1/Bucks., 2/4/R. Berks.; 184th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[9] 184th T.M. Bty.[10]	...	CCCVI[11] ..... CCCVII[12] ..... CCCVIII[13] ..... CCCVIII[14] ...	A, B, C A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.61[15] Y.61[15] Z.61[15]	V.61[16]	61st D.A.C.	1/3/S. Midld. 2/2/S. Midld. 3/1/S. Midld.	61st	1/5/D. C.L.I.[17] (P.)	...	2/1/S. Midld. 2/2/S. Midld. 2/3/S. Midld.	61st	...	61st
1917 July (France)	182nd..... 183rd..... 184th.....	2/5/R. War.,[18] 2/6/R. War., 2/7/R. War., 2/8/R. War.;[19] 182nd M.G. Coy;[32] 182nd T.M. Bty. 2/4/Gloucs.,[20] 2/6/Gloucs.,[21] 2/7/Worc.,[22] 2/8/Worc.;[23] 183rd M.G. Coy.;[32] 183rd T.M. Bty. 2/5/Gloucs., 2/4/O. & B.L.I., 2/1/Bucks.,[24] 2/4/R. Berks.; 184th M.G. Coy.;[32] 184th T.M. Bty.	...	CCCVI ..... CCCVII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.61[25] Y.61[25] Z.61[25]	V.61[26]	61st D.A.C.	476th[27] (1/3/S. Midld.) 478th[27] (2/2/S. Midld.) 479th[27] (3/1/S. Midld.)	61st	1/5/D. C.L.I. (P.)	...	2/1/S. Midld. 2/2/S. Midld. 2/3/S. Midld.	61st	251st[28]	61st

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1918 March (France)	182nd..... 183rd..... 184th.....	2/6/R. War., 2/7/R. War., 2/8/ Worc.;[25] 182nd T.M. Bty. 1/9/R. Scots.,[29] 1/5/Gord. H.,[30] 1/8/A. & S. H.;[31] 183rd T.M. Bty. 2/5/Glouc., 2/4/O. & B.L.I., 2/4/R. Berks.; 184th T.M. Bty.	...	CCCVI ..... CCCVII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.61 Y.61	...	61st D.A.C.	476th 478th 479th	61st	1/5/D. C.L.I. (P.)	No. 61 Bn., M.G.C.[32]	2/1/ S. Midld. 2/2/ S. Midld. 2/3/ S. Midld.	61st	251st	61st
1918 June (France)	182nd..... 183rd..... 184th.....	2/6/R. War., 2/7/R. War., 2/8/ Worc.; 182nd T.M. Bty. 9/(North'd. Hsrs.) N.F.,[33] 11/ Suff.,[34] 1/E. Lanc.;[35] 183rd T.M. Bty. 2/5/Glouc., 2/4/O. & B.L.I., 2/4/R. Berks.; 184th T.M. Bty.	...	CCCVI ..... CCCVII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.61 Y.61	...	61st D.A.C.	476th 478th 479th	61st	1/5/D. C.L.I. (P.)	No. 61 Bn., M.G.C.	2/1/ S. Midld. 2/2/ S. Midld. 2/3/ S. Midld.	61st	251st	61st

NOTES

1 2nd-line T.F. Divs. and 2nd-line T.F. Bdes. were designated by numbers in August, 1915. (Authy.—40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.)

2 Joined Div. on 26/10/15, and served with it until the Div. moved to Wiltshire in Febry., 1916.

3 Formed on 29/1/15.

4 Joined Div. at Ludgershall on 18/3/16, went to France with Div. on 25/5/16, and joined IX Corps Cav. Regt. on 16 and 17/6/16.

5 Went to France with the Div., and was transferred to the Reserve Army in June, 1916.

6 On 16 and 17/5/16 the designations of Brigades and Batteries were changed as shown, and the Bdes. were reconstituted. CCCVIII (H.) was broken up, and the 2 how. bties. became D(H.)/CCCVI and D(H.)/CCCVII. (2/5/War. (H.) which had been disbanded and distributed on 3/9/15, had been reformed on 9/12/15.) CCCVIII was then reformed with 3, 18-pdr. Bties. and 1, 4·5″ How. Bty.

7 Formed in England and went to France with the Div. in May, 1916.

8 Consisted of 521, 522, 523, and 524 Cos., A.S.C.

9 The M.G. Cos. left Grantham on 16/6/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 17/6/16, and joined the Bdes. as follows: 182nd on 19/6/16; 183rd on 19 and 20/6/16; and 184th on 20/6/16.

10 The T.M. Bties. were formed in France: 182nd on 13/6/16; 183rd by 27/6/16; and 184th (formed on 8/6/16 as 184/1 and 184/2) on 27/6/16, when 184/1 and 2 had amalgamated.

11 On 16 and 17/9/16 the Bde. was broken up: 1/2A went to C/CCCVII and 1/2A to A/CCCVI; 1/2B went to C/CCCVI and 1/2B to B/CCCVI; and 1/2C went to A/CCCVII and 1/2C to B/CCCVII.

12 On 17/9/16 A was made up to 6 guns by 1 sec. of A/CCCV, and B and C were each made up by sections of B/CCCV. On 27/1/17 D (H.) was made up to 6 hows. by R. Sec. of D (H.)/CCCVIII.

13 On 16/9/16 A and B were each made up to 6 guns by sections of C/CCCV, and 1 section of A/CCCV made up C. On 27/1/17 D (H.) was made up to 6 hows. by L. Sec. of D (H.)/CCCVIII.

14 On 16/9/16 C was broken up: R. Sec. made up A/CCCVIII to 6 guns and L. Sec. made up B. On 20/10/16 520 (H.) Bty. joined and became C (H.). By 27/1/17 CCCVIII was broken up: A was transferred to CLV A.F.A. Bde.; B was transferred to CCCXI A.F.A. Bde. and became C; R. Sec. C (H.) joined D (H.)/CCCXV A.F.A. Bde.; L. Sec. C (H.) joined D (H.)/LXXXVI A.F.A. Bde.; R. Sec. D (H.) made up D (H.)/CCCVI to 6 hows., and L. Sec. D (H.) made up D (H.)/CCCVII.

15 X and Y were formed in the Div. in June, 1916; and Z was formed on 25/6/16.

16 V was formed in the Div. between 13-16/8/16.

17 Bn. joined the Div. on Salisbury Plain on 17/4/16, and went to France with the Div. on 21/5/16.

18 Bn. broken up and drafted between 15-20/2/18; part went to 2/6/R. War. and remdr. to 24/Entg. Bn.

19 Bn. broken up and drafted between 14-22/2/18; part went to 2/7/R. War. and remdr. to 25/Entg. Bn.

20 Bn. broken up on 20/2/18; part went to No. 55 Inf. Base Depot, and remdr. to 24/Entg. Bn.

21 Bn. broken up and drafted on 20/2/18; surplus joined 24/Entg. Bn.

22 Bn. broken up and drafted on 6/2/18; part went to 2/8/Worc. and remdr. to 24/Entg. Bn.

23 Bn. was transferred to 182nd Bde. on 11/2/18.

24 Bn. was broken up and drafted on 22/2/18; surplus joined 25/Entg. Bn.

25 On 7/2/18 the T.M.B.s were reorganized in 2, 6-mortar batteries; Z was broken up between X and Y, and personnel of Z joined X.

26 V H.T.M.B. left the Div. on 7/2/18.

27 The Fd. Cos. were numbered on 1/2/17.

28 The D.E.C. was formed by 7/7/17.

29 Joined on 6/2/18 from 154th Bde., 51st Div.; on 1/6/18 Bn. left to join 46th Bde., 15th Div.

30 Joined on 2/2/18 from 153rd Bde., 51st Div.; on 1/6/18 Bn. left to join 44th Bde., 15th Div.

31 Joined on 7/2/18 from 152nd Bde., 51st Div.; on 1/6/18 Bn. left to join 45th Bde., 15th Div.

32 Bn. formed on 1/3/18; it consisted on 182nd, 183rd, 184th, and 267th M.G. Cos. (267th M.G. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 14/1/18, and joined the Div. on 18/1/18.)

33 Joined on 26/5/18, from 52nd Bde., 17th Div.

34 Joined on 26/5/18, from 101st Bde., 34th Div.

35 Joined on 26/5/18, from 103rd Bde., 34th Div.

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61st (2nd/SOUTH MIDLAND) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division); and in January, 1915, the 2nd/South Midland Division came into existence at Northampton, its temporary war-station.

Many of the 2nd-line units were formed in September and October, 1914, at their 1st-line headquarters. At this early period, however, the men all lived at home; and, as no arms and very little uniform or equipment were available, varying degrees of mufti had to be worn on parade. Despite these drawbacks some units soon attained full strength, but thereafter all the units were kept at varying strengths by having to find numerous drafts for their 1st-line units. The battalions were raised under the 8-company system, and further delay was occasioned to training when, early in 1915, the battalions reorganized in 4 companies each.

At first only route marches and elementary training could be undertaken. Some units started with practically no officers or non-commissioned officers and the early parades were a real difficulty. By October, 1914, uniforms began to arrive, but the men continued to live at home until the division concentrated at Northampton in January, 1915. On arrival at the temporary war-station the men were billeted and Japanese rifles were issued, but the only transport for each battalion consisted of 6 untrained mules; and in one battalion, failing a better mount, the C.O. used one of the mules as his charger.

In the divisional artillery both equipment and armament were equally behindhand. Until the end of 1915 the artillery was training with 90-mm. (French) guns and 5" howitzers. In January, 1916, however, each field-gun brigade was issued with 4, 15-pdr. guns for practice; and towards the end of 1915 and early in 1916 18-pdr. Q.F. and 4·5" howitzer equipments at last began to replace the obsolete weapons.

Whilst stationed at Northampton the division formed part of First Army, Central Force; but in April, 1915, after the departure of the 1st South Midland Division from Chelmsford to France, the 2nd/South Midland Division moved from Northampton to the Chelmsford area. The division then became part of Third Army, Central Force, and had a direct interest in the defence of the country. The C.R.E. had 14 miles of defences to look after, as well as supervising the training of his field companies.

After arrival in the Chelmsford area the machine-gun sections were formed in each battalion. The strength of the different battalions varied considerably from time to time: in April one battalion had 27 officers and 927 other ranks; but, in December, another battalion, after supplying several drafts, had shrunk to 508 all ranks. Actually, by the end of January, 1916, the latter battalion had increased in strength to 766. Whilst the 61st Division was in the Chelmsford area it was inspected, on the 6th August, 1915, by Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener.

In February, 1916, the division began to move to Salisbury Plain and the move was completed in March. Final intensive preparation for war now began. ·303" short M.L.E. rifles and 4 Lewis guns were issued to each battalion. The Lewis guns replaced the wooden dummy guns and antique Maxims which had hitherto been the armament of the machine-gun sections. On the 5th May the division, then concentrated in the Tidworth-Bulford area, was inspected on Bulford Fields by H.M. the King.

During April and May final leave was granted preparatory to proceeding overseas. The division was warned that it would move to France, and on the 21st May entrainment began. By the 25th entrainment had been completed, and by the 28th the division (less the divisional ammunition column) had concentrated in the area Merville–Gonnehem–Busnes–Thiennes (XI Corps rest area). On the 31st the D.A.C., which had been detained at le Havre, rejoined the division.

Throughout the remainder of the Great War the 61st Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:

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1916

19 July ... ... **Attack at Fromelles** [XI Corps, First Army].

1917

11–15 January ... ... **Operations on the Ancre** [IV Corps, Fifth Army].
14 March–5 April ... **German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line** [IV Corps, Fourth Army].
18 Aug.–15 Sept. ... **BATTLES OF YPRES** [XIX Corps, until noon, 7/9; then V Corps, Fifth Army].
18 August ... ... **Battle of Langemarck** [XIX Corps, Fifth Army].

BATTLE OF CAMBRAI

1–3 December ... ... **German Counter-Attacks** [IV Corps until 2 p.m., 1/12; then III Corps, Third Army].

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21 and 22 March ... **Battle of St. Quentin** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].
24 and 25 March ... **Actions at the Somme Crossings** [Arty. and Bdes. under 20th and 30th Divs., XVIII Corps, Fifth Army. (Bdes. returned to 61st Div. at 10 p.m., 25/3)].

BATTLES OF THE LYS

11 April ... ... **Battle of Estaires** [XI Corps, First Army].
12–15 April ... ... **Battle of Hazebrouck** [XI Corps, First Army].
18 April ... ... **Battle of Béthune** [XI Corps, First Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN PICARDY

24 and 25 October ... **Battle of the Selle** [XVII Corps, Third Army].
1 and 2 November ... **Battle of Valenciennes** [XVII Corps, Third Army].

The division was relieved in the front line during the night of the 2nd/3rd November. At Armistice the division was halted to the south of Valenciennes, along the Ecaillon. By the 17th November the division had withdrawn to the Cambrai area, and by the 28th it had moved back behind the Authie, to the west of Doullens. In this area educational and recreational training began.

During January, 1919, demobilization started, and for a time men were leaving the division at the rate of about one thousand a week. On the 31st January two battalions left the division for duty at the Base Ports; on the 2nd February they were followed by two more. On the 13th February the division came under the orders of the G.O.C., L. of C., and thereafter was chiefly employed on guards and working parties. On the 25th, divisional headquarters moved back to le Tréport and the units were employed in working at the ports or in the Abbeville area. On the 18th May trouble broke out between the B.W.I. and Chinese Labour Companies at Abancourt, and a battalion was sent to restore order. On the 27th June the division was informed that it need no longer be held in a state of mobility, and by the end of June several units were reduced to equipment guard. During the middle of July drafts were sent to Egypt and the Black Sea; nine battalions were nominated to go home as cadres, on completion of their present duties; and on the 30th July divisional headquarters closed. The 61st (2nd/South Midland) Division then passed out of existence.

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62ND (2ND/WEST RIDING) DIVISION

G.O.C.

17 February, 1915 ... ... Major-General Sir J. K. TROTTER.
23 December, 1915 ... ... Major-General W. P. BRAITHWAITE.
28 August, 1918 ... ... Major-General Sir R. D. WHIGHAM.

G.S.O. 1.

20 Jan., 1915...Captain B. E. CROCKETT (acting).
26 Feb., 1915...Major H. F. LEA (acting).
17 April, 1915...Colonel H. S. SLOMAN.
18 Jan., 1916...Lt.-Col. Hon. A. G. A. HORE-RUTHVEN, V.C.
5 Sept., 1917...Lt.-Col. C. R. NEWMAN.
30 Sept., 1918...Lt.-Col. R. H. JOHNSON.
11 Oct., 1918...Lt.-Col. F. W. GOSSETT.

A.A. and Q.-M.-G.

23 Jan., 1915...Captain F. J. LANGDEN (acting).
13 April, 1915...Lt.-Col. J. D. A. T. LLOYD.
6 Feb., 1916...Captain F. J. LANGDEN (acting).
7 Feb., 1916...Lt.-Col. R. M. FOOT.
3 Nov., 1917...Major H. F. LEA (acting).
7 Nov., 1917...Lt.-Col. J. H. A. ANNESLEY.
29 Dec., 1917...Lt.-Col. H. F. LEA.

B.-G., R.A.

29 Jan., 1915...Colonel J. H. BALGUY.
13 Mar., 1916...Br.-Gen. A. T. ANDERSON.

C.R.E.

12 Jan., 1916...Lt.-Col. R. A. GILLAM.
22 Dec., 1917...Major E. J. WALTHEW (acting).
1 Jan., 1918...Lt.-Col. L. CHENEVIX-TRENCH.

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185th BDE.

(2nd/1st West Riding)

11 Feb., '15...Col. H. W. N. GUINNESS.
4 Jan., '16...Br.-Gen. V. W. DE FALBE (invalided, 21/8/17).
21 Aug., '17...Br.-Gen. VISCOUNT HAMPDEN.

186th BDE.

(2nd/2nd West Riding)

2 Mar., '15...Col. H. G. MAINWARING.
9 Dec., '15...Br.-Gen. F. F. HILL.
10 Nov., '17...Br.-Gen. R. B. BRADFORD, V.C. (killed 30/11/17).
30 Nov., '17...Lt.-Col. H. E. P. NASH (acting).
3 Dec., '17...Br.-Gen. J. L. G. BURNETT.

187th BDE.

(2nd/3rd West Riding)

4 Mar., '15...Col. H. B. LASSETER.
22 May, '16...Br.-Gen. R. O'B. TAYLOR (sick, 8/2/18).
8 Feb., '18...Lt.-Col. B. J. BARTON (acting).
28 Mar., '18...Lt.-Col. W. K. JAMES (acting).
3 April, '18...Br.-Gen. A. J. REDDIE.

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GENERAL NOTES

INFANTRY :—The 12 Battalions were raised as follows :

2/5/West Yorkshire	at York	on	28/9/14 ;
2/6/West Yorkshire	,, Bradford	,,	12/9/14 ;
2/7/West Yorkshire	,, Leeds	,,	15/9/14 ;
2/8/West Yorkshire	,, Leeds	,,	14/9/14 ;
2/4/Duke of Wellington's	,, Halifax	,,	28/9/14 ;
2/5/Duke of Wellington's	,, Huddersfield	,,	9/10/14 ;
2/6/Duke of Wellington's	,, Skipton	,,	17/9/14 ;
2/7/Duke of Wellington's	,, Milnsbridge	,,	14/10/14 ;
2/4/King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry	,, Wakefield	,,	30/9/14 ;
2/5/King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry	,, Doncaster	,,	16/9/14 ;
2/4/York and Lancaster	,, Sheffield	,,	21/9/14 ;
2/5/York and Lancaster	,, Rotherham	,,	3/10/14.

The following also served with the 62nd Division :—

ARTILLERY :—**2/1/West Riding Heavy Battery, R.G.A., T.F.,** served with the division in England, but did not accompany the division to France. The Heavy Battery was then attached to the Tyne Garrison until the end of the War. It was stationed at Blyth and later at Whitburn.

59th Division Artillery (CCXCV and CCXCVI) were attached to 62nd Div. from 15–24/4/18, and from 17/5–19/6/18.

ENGINEERS :—**2/1/W. Riding Field Coy.,** disembarked at le Havre on 21/6/15, and on 23/6/15 the Fd. Coy. joined 49th (West Riding) Division. The Fd. Coy. served for the remainder of the War, on the Western Front, with the 49th Division. (The Fd. Coy. was numbered 458th.)

2/2/W. Riding Field Coy., joined the 6th Division in France on 13/10/15. The Fd. Coy. served for the remainder of the War, on the Western Front, with the 6th Division. (The Field Coy. was numbered 459th.)

OTHER UNIT :—**62nd Sanitary Section,** went to France with the division in January, 1917. The Sanitary Section left the division on 8/4/17 and was transferred to a First Army Sanitary Area.

On 3/2/18 the reorganization of the 62nd Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and on 1/3/18 the pioneer battalion was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

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62nd[1] (2nd/West Riding) Division — Order of Battle, 1915-1918

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 August (England)	185th[1] ... (2/1st W. Riding) 186th[1] ... (2/2nd W. Riding) 187th[1] ... (2/3rd W. Riding)	2/5/W. York., 2/6/W. York., 2/7/W. York., 2/8/W. York. 2/4/Duke's, 2/5/Duke's, 2/6/Duke's, 2/7/Duke's. 2/4/K.O.Y.L.I., 2/5/K.O.Y.L.I., 2/4/Y. & L., 2/5/Y. & L.	62nd[2] (2/1st W. Rid.) Div. Cyclist Coy.	2/I W. Riding[3] 2/II W. Riding[3] 2/III W. Riding[3] 2/IV W. Riding[3] (H.)	2/1/W. Rid., 2/2/W. Rid., 2/3/W. Rid. 2/4/W. Rid., 2/5/W. Rid., 2/6/W. Rid. 2/7/W. Rid., 2/8/W. Rid., 2/9/W. Rid. 2/10/W. Rid. (H.), 2/11/W. Rid. (H.)	2/I W. Riding 2/II W. Riding 2/III W. Riding 2/IV W. Riding (H.)	...	...	...	2/1/W. Riding[4] 2/2/W. Riding[5] 3/1/W. Riding	62nd (2/1/W. Rid.)	...	...	2/1/W. Rid. 2/2/W. Rid. 2/3/W. Rid.	...	...	62nd[6] (2/1/W. Rid.)
1916 November (England)	185th ..... 186th 187th	2/5/W. York., 2/6/W. York., 2/7/W. York., 2/8/W. York. 2/4/Duke's, 2/5/Duke's, 2/6/Duke's, 2/7/Duke's. 2/4/K.O.Y.L.I., 2/5/K.O.Y.L.I., 2/4/Y. & L., 2/5/Y. & L.	Hd. Qrs., M.G. Sec. & B Sqdn.,[7] 2/1/North'd. Hsrs. 62nd Div.[8] Cyclist Coy.	CCCX[3]; [9] ..... (2/I/W. Rid.) CCCXI[3]; [10] ... (2/II W. Rid.) CCCXII[3]; [11] ... (2/III W. Rid.)	A (2/1/W. Rid.), B (2/2/W. Rid.), C (2/3/W. Rid.), D (H.) A (2/4/W. Rid.), B (2/5/W. Rid.), C (2/6/W. Rid.), D (H.) A (2/7/W. Rid.), B (2/8/W. Rid.), C (2/9/W. Rid.), D (H.)	...[12]	...	...	62nd D.A.C.[12]	1/3/W. Riding 2/3/W. Riding 3/1/W. Riding	62nd	...	...	2/1/W. Rid. 2/2/W. Rid. 2/3/W. Rid.	2/1/W. Rid.	...	62nd
1917 June (France)	185th ..... 186th 187th	2/5/W. York., 2/6/W. York.,[13] 2/7/W. York., 2/8/W. York.;[14] 212th M.G. Coy.;[15]; [51] 185th T.M. Bty.[16] 2/4/Duke's, 2/5/Duke's,[17] 2/6/Duke's,[18] 2/7/Duke's; 213th M.G. Coy.;[15]; [51] 186th T.M. Bty.[16] 2/4/K.O.Y.L.I., 2/5/K.O.Y.L.I.,[19] 2/4/Y. & L., 2/5/Y. & L.;[20] 208th M.G. Coy.;[15]; [51] 187th T.M. Bty.[16]	...	CCCX[9] ..... CCCXII[11]	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.62[21] Y.62[21] Z.62[21]	V.62[21]	62nd D.A.C.[12]	457th[22] (1/3/W. Rid.) 460th[22] (2/3/W. Rid.) 461st[22] (3/1/W. Rid.)	62nd	...	201st[23] M.G. Coy.	2/1/W. Rid. 2/2/W. Rid. 2/3/W. Rid.	2/1/W. Rid.	252nd[24]	62nd
1918 March (France)	185th ..... 186th 187th	2/5/W. York.,[25] 2/7/W. York.,[26] 8/W. York.;[14] 185th T.M. Bty. 2/4/Duke's, 5/Duke's,[17] 2/7/Duke's;[27] 186th T.M. Bty. 2/4/K.O.Y.L.I., 5/K.O.Y.L.I.,[19] 2/4/Y. & L.; 187th T.M. Bty.	...	CCCX ..... CCCXII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.62[28] Y.62[28]	...[29]	62nd D.A.C.	457th 460th 461st	62nd	1/9/D.L.I.[50] (P.)	No. 62 Bn., M.G.C.[31]	2/1/W. Rid. 2/2/W. Rid. 2/3/W. Rid.	2/1/W. Rid.	252nd	62nd
1918 August (France)	185th ..... 186th 187th	1/5/Devon.,[32] 8/W. York., 2/20/Lond.;[33] 185th T.M. Bty. 2/4/Duke's, 5/Duke's, 2/4/Hants.;[34] 186th T.M. Bty. 2/4/K.O.Y.L.I., 5/K.O.Y.L.I., 2/4/Y. & L.; 187th T.M. Bty.	...	CCCX ..... CCCXII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.62 Y.62	...	62nd D.A.C.	457th 460th 461st	62nd	1/9/D.L.I. (P.)	No. 62 Bn., M.G.C.	2/1/W. Rid. 2/2/W. Rid. 2/3/W. Rid.	2/1/W. Rid.	252nd	62nd

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NOTES

1 The Division and the Inf. Bdes. were designated by numbers between 17-24/8/15. (Authy.—40/W.O./2609, A.G. 1, of 10/8/15.)

2 The Cyclist Coy. was formed on 23/3/15.

3 In May, 1916, the designations of the Brigades and Batteries were changed as shown, and the Bdes. were re-constituted: 2/IV/W. Riding (H.) Bde. was broken up, and each of the other Bdes. had a howitzer battery added to it.

4 2/1/W. Rid. Fd. Coy. joined 49th Div. in France on 23/6/15; and in 1917 the Fd. Coy. was numbered 458th.

5 2/2/W. Rid. Fd. Coy. joined 6th Div. in France on 13/10/15; and in 1917 the Fd. Coy. was numbered 459th.

6 525, 526, 527, and 528 Cos., A.S.C.

7 Hd. Qrs., M.G. Sec., and B Sqdn., served with the division from 18/4/16 until the division embkd. for France. The Regt. went to France in March, 1917, and formed XIX Corps Cav. Regt. on 26/3/17.

8 Went to France with the Division, and on 19/1/17 the Cyclist Coy. was posted to XVIII Corps Cyclist Bn.

9 Bde. was re-armed with 18-pdrs. and 4.5" hows. (4 per battery) at the end of 1915. 18-pdr. batteries were made up to 6, 18-pdrs., each before embkn.; and, on 19/1/17, R. Sec. of D (H.)/CCCXI joined and made up D (H.)/CCCX to 6 hows.

10 Bde. was re-armed with 18-pdrs. and 4.5" hows. (4 per battery) at the end of 1915. 18-pdr. batteries were made up to 6, 18-pdrs., each before embkn.; and C (H.) joined (4, 4.5" hows.). On 18/1/17, CCCXI became an A.F.A. Bde.; on 19/1/17 R. Sec. D (H.) made up D/CCCX to 6 hows., and on 18/1/17 L. Sec. D (H.) made up D/CCCXII. On 18/1/17 C (H.)/CCCXI became D (H.)/CCCXI, and on 25/1/17 D (H.) was made up to 6 hows. by 1/2 517 (H.) from 31st Div. Arty.; and on 27/1/17 B/CCCVIII joined from 61st Div. Arty. and became C/CCCXI. On 19/1/17 a proportion of the D.A.C. joined CCCXI A.F.A. Bde.

11 Bde. was re-armed with 18-pdrs. and 4.5" hows. (4 per battery) at the end of 1915. 18-pdr. batteries were made up to 6, 18-pdrs., each before embkn.; and, on 18/1/17, L. Sec. of D (H.)/CCCXI joined and made up D (H.)/CCCXII to 6 hows.

12 Before leaving England the B.A.C.s were abolished and the D.A.C. was reorganized. On 19/1/17 A Echelon was re-arranged in 2 enlarged sections, and a proportion of B Echelon was handed over to CCCXI A.F.A. Bde. (note 10). On 4-13/4/17 the D.A.C. was again reorganized owing to the shortage of horses, all horses from B Echelon were transferred to batteries, B Echelon wagons were parked, and loads were to be carried by M.T. A further reorganization took place on 29/8/17; the D.A.C. then consisted of 2 sections carrying gun ammunition and 1 section carrying S.A.A. and grenades; a reduction of 155 horses was effected.

13 Bn. was broken up and drafted on 31/1/18.

14 Bn. amalgamated with 1/8/W. York. (from 146th Bde., 49th Div.) and became 8/W. York. on 1/2/18.

15 212th M.G. Coy. arrived le Havre on 28/2/17, and joined 185th Bde. on 9/3/17; 213th M.G. Coy. arrived le Havre on 2/3/17, and joined 186th Bde. on 9/3/17; 208th M.G. Coy. arrived le Havre on 26 and 27/2/17, and joined 187th Bde. on 4/3/17.

16 The Bde. T.M. Bties. went to France with the Bdes. in Jany., 1917.

17 Bn. amalgamated on 31/1 and 1/2/18 with 1/5/Duke's (from 147th Bde., 49th Div.) and became 5/Duke's.

18 Bn. was broken up on 31/1/18, and drafted to 5/, 2/4, and 2/7 Duke's.

19 Bn. amalgamated on 2/2/18 with 1/5/K.O.Y.L.I. (from 148th Bde., 49th Div.) and became 5/K.O.Y.L.I.

20 Bn was broken up on 3/2/18, and drafted to 1/4, 1/5, and 2/4/ Y. & L.

21 Medium and Heavy T.M. Bties. went to France with the Div. in Jany., 1917.

22 The Fd. Cos. were numbered: 457th on 31/1/17; and 460th and 461st on 1/2/17.

23 Formed at Grantham on 25/10/16; served with 177th Bde., 59th Div., at Fovant, from 10/2-17/2/17; Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 28/3/17, and joined 62nd Div. on 30/3/17.

24 Formed by 14/7/17.

25 Bn. was broken up and drafted between 13-18/8/18.

26 Bn. was broken up between 16-19/6/18, and drafted to 8/W. York., 2/5/W. York., Base, and Training Staff.

27 Bn. was broken up on 17 and 18/6/18, and drafted to 5/ and 2/4/Duke's, and Base.

28 Med. T.M. Bties. were reorganized on 11/2/18, and Z was absorbed in X and Y.

29 V H.T.M.B was broken up on 11/2/18.

30 Bn. was transferred, as Pioneers, from 151st Bde., 50th Div., and joined 62nd Div. on 12/2/18.

31 Bn. was formed on 9/3/18; it consisted of 201st, 208th, 212th, and 213th M.G. Cos.

32 Bn. went to India with 43rd (Wessex) Div. on 9/10/14; transferred to 232nd Bde. and joined in Palestine on 14/4/17; Bde. joined 75th Div. (on formation) on 20/8/17. Bn. left 75th Div. on 4/5/18, disembkd. Marseille on 1/6/18, and joined 185th Bde. on 6/6/18.

33 Bn. went to France with 180th Bde., 60th Div., in June, 1916. Bn. left 60th Div. in Palestine on 27/5/18, disembkd. at Taranto 30/6-8/7/18, attached 198th Bde., 66th Div., from 19/7-9/8/18, and joined 185th Bde. on 9/8/18.

34 Bn. went to India with 45th (2/Wessex) Div. on 12/12/14; transferred to 233rd Bde. and joined in Palestine on 25/5/17; Bde. joined 75th Div. (on formation) 18/8/17. Bn. left 75th Div. on 2/5/18, disembkd. at Marseille on 1/6/18, joined 62nd Div. on 6/6/18, and joined 186th Bde. on 14/6/18.

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62ND (2ND/WEST RIDING) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division). The twelve reserve (or 2nd-line) West Riding battalions came into existence between the 12th September and the middle of October (see General Notes); but the headquarters of the 2nd/West Riding Division only began to assemble at Doncaster early in 1915. In March divisional headquarters moved to Matlock Bath, and brigades and units gradually left their regimental stations and moved into billets at Matlock, Derby, Belper, Nottingham, and Bakewell.

In raising and training the units the usual difficulties were encountered. Nevertheless by the end of November, 1914, battalions were able to furnish drafts to their first-line formations. Although the units were first of all designated 'home-service' yet this was a misnomer, as recruits were only accepted for general service. Later on the designation was changed to 'reserve,' and in February, 1915, it was altered to '2nd-line'. The battalions, as well as supplying drafts, received from their 1st-line battalions any home-service men and all those who were medically unfit for the field. On the formation of 3rd-line units, these units undertook the provision of all necessary drafts; and, in May, 1915, all home-service officers and men, and those who were medically unfit for the field, were transferred to provisional battalions for home service and for coast defence.

Up to the end of 1914 clothing and equipment arrived slowly. In some cases this delay in delivery did prejudice recruiting; but, despite this, 2/6/West Yorkshire recruited 1,500 men by November, 1914. Arms—drill-pattern rifles and charger-loading Lee-Enfields—were first received in April. This first issue, however, was withdrawn in the following month, and it was replaced by Japanese rifles and bayonets, with 200 rounds of ammunition for each rifle; but, until the 1914-pattern equipment was received, the men had to carry the ammunition in their coat pockets. In April, 1915, horses began to reach the battalions. In January, 1916, ·303″ short M.L.E. Mk.III rifles became available, and by March each battalion also received 4 Lewis guns.

The training of the divisional artillery for war was carried on under great difficulties. After the 1st-line division left for France in April, 1915, the 2nd-line artillery received some French guns (90-mm.), with 20 rounds of ammunition for each gun. The ammunition, however, had lain in store for many years, the sights were graduated in such a way that they were very little use, and no one could interpret the markings on the fuzes. At this time the division was under orders to entrain at the shortest notice to assist in repelling any raid on the east coast, and trains, to move the troops were held in readiness day and night; but this antiquated armament was all that was available. It was only at the beginning of 1916 that the 62nd Division artillery received 18-pdr. and 4·5″ howitzer equipments.

In the meantime (in May, 1915) the division moved to Thoresby Park, Babworth Park, Welbeck Park, Southwell, and Beverley. It remained here until mid-October, and then it concentrated around Retford until November. The division then moved to Newcastle, and during December it dug an entrenched line of defence. Early in 1916 the division moved to Salisbury Plain. At last the end of the long period of training seemed to be in sight, but all ranks were destined to be disappointed. There was a definite shortage of men available in the West Riding of Yorkshire, which had to maintain at war establishment eight regular battalions and four special reserve battalions, as well as the 49th Division and the 62nd Division. Orders were therefore issued to the 62nd Division that on the arrival of each draft in the division a corresponding number of men were to be sent to 3rd-line units for drafting to 1st-line battalions overseas. A divisional order to this effect was issued on the 14th March, 1916. This arrangement considerably delayed the despatch of the 62nd Division to a theatre of war.

In June, 1916, the division moved to Lowestoft, Wangford, Flixton Park, Bungay, and Somerleytown; and, on the 26th July, while it was in Norfolk, the division was inspected by H.M. the King. In October, 1916, the division moved inland to Bedford, Wellingborough, and Northampton; and on the 23rd December orders were received that the division was to be ready to embark for France on the 5th January, 1917.

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The divisional ammunition column left Avonmouth (for Rouen) on the 30th December, 1916; and entrainment for the remainder of the division began on the 5th January, 1917. The division crossed from Southampton to le Havre. By the 18th the last units of the division had arrived, and the concentration of the division was completed between the Canche and Authie, in the Third Army area.*

Throughout the remainder of the Great War the 62nd Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations :—

1917

15 Feb.–13 Mar. ... ... **Operations on the Ancre** [V Corps, Fifth Army].
14 Mar.–19 Mar. ... ... **German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line** (V Corps, Fifth Army].
11 April ... ... **First attack on Bullecourt** [V Corps, Fifth Army].
15 April ... ... **German Attack on Lagnicourt** (186th Bde.), [V Corps, Fifth Army].
3–17 May ... ... **Battle of Bullecourt** [V Corps, Fifth Army].
20–28 May ... ... **Actions on the Hindenburg Line** [V Corps, Fifth Army].

BATTLE OF CAMBRAI

20 and 21 Nov. ... ... **The Tank Attack** [IV Corps, Third Army].
27 and 28 Nov. ... ... **Capture of Bourlon Wood** [IV Corps, Third Army].

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

25 March ... ... **Battle of Bapaume** [IV Corps, Third Army].
28 March ... ... **Battle of Arras** [IV Corps, Third Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

BATTLES OF THE MARNE

20–30 July ... ... **Battle of Tardenois** [XXII Corps, Fifth (Fr.) Army].

SECOND BATTLE OF ARRAS

26–30 August ... ... **Battle of the Scarpe** [VI Corps,** Third Army].
2 September ... ... **Battle of the Drocourt–Quéant Line** [VI Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

12 September ... ... **Battle of Havrincourt** [VI Corps, Third Army].
27–30 September ... **Battle of the Canal du Nord** [VI Corps, Third Army].

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN PICARDY

17–23 October ... ... **Battle of the Selle** [VI Corps, Third Army].
20 October ... ... **Capture of Solesmes.**
4 November ... ... **Battle of the Sambre** [VI Corps, Third Army].

After the Battle of the Sambre, the division remained in the front line and fought its way forward towards Maubeuge, advancing past Mecouignies and Neuf Mesnil (8th Nov.). On the 9th the southern outskirts of Maubeuge were entered, the Sambre was crossed, Louvroil and St. Lazare were captured, and the line of the Maubeuge–Avesnes road was reached. On the 11th November an outpost line was established along the R. Solre with picquets to the east of the river, but no signs of the enemy were encountered by cyclist patrols who pushed on as far as Cerfontaine and Recquignies (3 miles east of Maubeuge). At 11 a.m. the Armistice came into force and hostilities ceased.

On Armistice Day the 62nd Division was informed that it had been selected to accompany the Army which was to move into Germany and occupy the Rhine bridge-heads. On the 13th November preliminary instructions were issued and, on the 18th, the

* Except 2/6/Duke's which was detained in England by an outbreak of scarlet fever. This battalion rejoined 62nd Division in France on the 8th and 9th February, 1917.

**During the Advance to Victory the composition of VI Corps was: Guards, 2nd, 3rd, and 62nd Divisions.

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advance began. On the 28th November the division was transferred from VI Corps to IX Corps. The division halted from the 1st to the 9th December between Ciney and Rochefort (to the west of Marche). On the 10th the advance was resumed, on the 15th the German frontier was crossed, and on Christmas Day the last units of the division reached the allotted area around Schleiden. The 62nd Division was the only division of the Territorial Force to enter Germany.

On the 17th February, 1919, orders were received that the infantry battalions would be replaced by Highland battalions, and on the 21st February the Highland battalions began to arrive. On the 12th March the 62nd Division was transferred from IX Corps to VI Corps, and on the 15th March the division became the Highland Division in Second Army, Army of Occupation. With this change the war story of the 62nd (2nd/West Riding) Division came to an end.

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63RD (2ND/NORTHUMBRIAN) DIVISION

G.O.C.

17 February, 1915 ... ... Br.-Gen. A. C. BECHER.
3 February, 1916 –21 July, 1916 ... ... Major-General G. T. FORESTIER-WALKER.

G.S.O. 1.

13 Jan., 1915...Lt.-Col. W. H. F. BASEVI.
20 Feb., 1915...Capt. H. C. W. H. WORTHAM (acting).
9 Mar., 1915...Capt. S. C. G. F. ASTELL (acting).
19 April, 1915 –21 July, 1916 Lt.-Col. A. F. MOCKLER-FERRYMAN.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

8 Feb., 1915...Capt. H. C. W. H. WORTHAM (acting).
29 April, 1915...Lt.-Col. F. R. P. KANE.
4 May, 1916 –21 July, 1916 Lt.-Col. A. G. P. MCNALTY.

B.-G., R.A.

16 Feb., 1915...Colonel E. GUNNER.
23 Oct., 1915...Lt.-Col. H. B. ALLEN (acting).
7 Nov., 1915...Colonel E. GUNNER.
16 Jan., 1916...Colonel A. J. ABDY.
16 April, 1916...Br.-Gen. R. W. FULLER.
10 May, 1916...Br.-Gen. E. J. GRANET.

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20 June, 1916...Br.-Gen. C. H. DE ROUGEMONT [Transferred, with 63rd Div. Arty., to R.N. Division.]

C.R.E.

18 Nov., 1915...Lt.-Col. J. E. MCPHERSON.

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188th BDE.

(2nd/1st Northumberland)

5 Jan., '15...Colonel F. W. ROBINSON.
27 June, '15...Colonel O. J. H. BALL.
15 Mar., '16 –14 Nov., '16 } Br.-Gen. R. BAYARD.

189th BDE.

(2nd/1st York and Durham)

5 Jan., '15...Colonel R. L. A. PENNINGTON.
18 Mar., '16...Br.-Gen. P. J. MILES.
14 Oct., '16 –11 Nov., '16 } Br.-Gen. E. T. LE MARCHANT (of 190th Bde.).

190th BDE.

(2nd/1st Durham Light Infantry)

18 Jan., '15...Colonel E. T. LE MARCHANT.
1 Sept., '16 –2 Dec., '16 } Br.-Gen. E. T. LE MARCHANT.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units of the 63rd Division served in the field with other formations :—

ENGINEERS :—2/1/Northumbrian Field Coy., went to France and joined the 28th Division on 10/7/15. For the remainder of the Great War the Fd. Coy. served in France and Macedonia with the 28th Division. In 1917 the Fd. Coy. was numbered 449th. The Fd. Coy. remained with the 28th Division after the Armistice with Bulgaria (30/9/18), and in November, 1918, it moved to the Dardanelles, with the Division. During 1919 the Fd. Coy. remained in Turkey with the 28th Division.

MEDICAL :—2/2/Northumbrian Field Ambce., joined 50th (Northumbrian) Division in England and went to France with the 50th Division, disembarking at le Havre on 20/4/15. For the remainder of the Great War the Field Ambulance served with the 50th Division on the Western Front.

The following formations and units also served with, or were attached to, the 63rd Division :—

1/1/Scottish Horse Mounted Brigade (Br.-Gen. Marquis of Tullibardine), until August, 1915 ;

2/1/Welsh Border Mounted Brigade (Br.-Gen. M. D. Little), until April, 1916 ;

1/1/East Riding of Yorkshire Yeomanry, until 21/5/15 ;

2/1/North Riding (Northumbrian) Hy. Bty., R.G.A., until 9/11/15 ; this Heavy Battery was thereafter part of the Tyne Garrison until it disappeared between 28/11–30/12/18 ;

63rd (2/1/Northumbrian) Sanitary Section, from formation until disbandment ; and

63rd (2/1/Northumbrian) Motor Ambulance Workshop, until it was absorbed by the Train in 1916.

In January, 1915, the battalions adopted the 4-company organization.

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63rd[1] (2nd/NORTHUMBRIAN) DIVISION — ORDER OF BATTLE, 1915-1916

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 August (England)	188th[1]; [2] (2nd/1st/ North'd.) 189th[1]; [7] (2nd/1st/ Y. & D.) 190th[1]; [12] (2nd/1st/ D.L.I.)	2/4/N.F.,[3] 2/5/N.F.,[4] 2/6/N.F.,[5] 2/7/N.F.[6] 2/4/E. York.,[8] 2/4/Gr. How.,[9] 2/5/Gr. How.,[10] 2/5/D.L.I.[11] 2/6/D.L.I.,[13] 2/7/D.L.I.,[14] 2/8/D.L.I.,[15] 2/9/D.L.I.[16]	63rd (2nd/1st/ N'thbn.) Div. Cyclist Coy.[17]	2nd/I North'bn. 2nd/II North'bn. 2nd III North'bn. 2nd/IV North'bn. (H.)	2/1/North'd., 2/2/North'd., 2/3/North'd. 2/1/E. Riding, 2/2/E. Riding, 2/3/E. Riding. 2/1/Durham, 2/2/Durham, 2/3/Durham. 2/4/Durham (H.), 2/5/Durham (H.)	2nd/I North'bn. 2nd/II North'bn. 2nd/III North'bn. 2nd/IV North'bn (H.)	...	...	...	2/2/ North'bn. 3/1/ North'bn.	63rd (2nd/1/ N'thbn.)	...	...	2/1/ North'bn 3/2/ North'bn 2/3/ North'bn	2/1/[18] North'bn	...	63rd[19] (2nd/1/ N'thbn.)
1916 January (England)	188th..... 189th..... 190th.....	2/4/N.F., 2/5/N.F., 2/6/N.F., 2/7/N.F. 2/4/E. York., 2/4/Gr. How., 2/5/Gr. How., 2/5/D.L.I. 2/6/D.L.I., 2/7/D.L.I., 2/8/D.L.I., 2/9/D.L.I.	63rd Div. Cyclist Coy.	2nd/I North'bn. 2nd/II North'bn. 2nd/III North'bn. 2nd/IV North'bn. (H.)	2/1/North'd., 2/2/North'd., 2/3/North'd. 2/1/E. Riding, 2/2/E. Riding, 2/3/E. Riding. 2/1/Durham, 2/2/Durham, 2/3/Durham. 2/4/Durham (H.), 2/5/Durham (H.)	2nd/I North'bn. 2nd/II North'bn. 2nd/III North'bn. 2nd/IV North'bn.(H.)	...	...	63rd D.A.C. (2nd/1/ N'thbn.)	1/3/ North'bn. 2/2/ North'bn. 3/1/ North'bn.	63rd	...	...	2/1/ North'bn 3/2/ North'bn 2/3/ North'bn	...	...	63rd
1916 June (England)	188th[20] ... 189th[24] ... 190th[28] ...	2/4/N.F.,[21] 2/5/N.F.,[21] 2/6/N.F.,[22] 2/7/N.F.[23] 2/4/E. York.,[25] 2/4/Gr. How.,[26] 2/5/Gr. How.,[26] 2/5/D.L.I.[27] 2/6/D.L.I.,[29] 2/7/D.L.I.,[30] 2/8/D.L.I.,[29] 2/9/D.L.I.[31]	63rd Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXV[32;33] (2/I North'bn.) CCCXVI[32;34] (2/II North'bn.) CCCXVII[32;35] (2/III North'bn.) CCCXVIII[32;36] (2/IV North'bn.)	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C A, B, C	CCCXV B.A.C. CCCXVI B.A.C. CCCXVII B.A.C. CCCXVIII B.A.C.	...	...	63rd D.A.C.[37]	1/3/ North'bn[38] 2/2/ North'bn[39] 3/1/ North'bn[40]	63rd	...	...	2/1/[41] North'bn 3/2/ North'bn 2/3/[42] North'bn	...	...	63rd[43]

On the 21st July, 1916, the 63rd Division was broken up.

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NOTES

1 On the 16th Aug., 1915, the Northumbrian 2nd-line Division and Infantry Brigades were given numbers. (Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.)

2 The Bde. was formed in Jany., 1915, at Newcastle.

3 Bn. was formed at Blyth on 23/11/14.

4 Bn. was formed at Blyth on 22/11/14.

5 Bn. was formed at Newcastle on 28/12/14.

6 Bn. was formed at Alnwick on 26/9/14.

7 The Bde. was formed on 5/1/15 at Malton.

8 Bn. was formed at Hull in Septr., 1914.

9 Bn. was formed at Northallerton on 4/9/14.

10 Bn. was formed at Scarborough in Septr., 1914.

11 Bn. was formed at Stockton in Septr., 1914.

12 The Bde. was formed at Durham on 18/1/15.

13 Bn. was formed at Ravensworth on 26/9/14.

14 Bn. was formed at Sunderland on 16/9/14.

15 Bn. was formed at Durham in Septr., 1914.

16 Bn. was formed at Ravensworth Park (near Gateshead) on 11/9/14.

17 Coy. formed at Whitburn Hall (near Sunderland) between 13/2-19/4/15 (strength 8 offrs. and 210 o.r.).

18 On 11/8/15 the Mobile Vety. Sec. ceased to form part of the Division.

19 The Train was formed in November, 1914; and it consisted of 529, 530, 531, and 532 Cos., A.S.C.

20 The Bde. was broken up on 14/11/16 at York.

21 2/4/ and 2/5N.F. joined 217th Bde., 72nd Div., in Nov., 1916.

22 Bn. joined 217th Bde., 72nd Div., at Clevedon (Somerset) on 27/11/16.

23 Bn. embkd. on 20/1/17 for service with E.E.F. as a Garr. Bn.; it served in the Delta.

24 The Bde. was broken up on 11/11/16 at Catterick.

25 Bn. left Bde. on 4/11/16 and arrived in Bermuda by 1/12/16.

26 2/4/ and 2/5/ Gr. How. left Bde. on 9/11/16, and joined 220th Bde., 73rd Div., at Blackpool. (2/4/Gr. How. was disbanded on 21/12/17.)

27 Bn. left Bde. on 31/10/16 and went out to Salonika as a Garr. Bn.; it arrived on 15/11/16, joined XVI Corps Troops, and on 1/3/17 Bn. joined 228th Inf. Bde. (served with 28th Div.).

28 The Bde. was broken up on 4/12/16 at Catterick.

29 2/6/ and 2/8/D.L.I. left Bde. on 29/11/16 and joined 214th Bde., 71st Div., at Andover and Basingstoke.

30 Bn. left Bde. on 29/11/16 and joined 214th Bde., 71st Div., at Andover. On 7/10/18 Bn. went to N. Russia as a Garr. Bn. and joined the Archangel Force on 24/10/18.

31 Bn. left Bde. on 1/11/16 for Salonika, as a Garr. Bn., and embkd. at Southampton on 4/11/16. Bn. reached Salonika on 15/11/16 (via le Havre and Marseille), and joined Army Troops.

32 Bdes. were numbered and batteries lettered between 8-22/5/16. 2/4/Durh., and 2/5 Durh./CCCXVIII (H.) became D (H.)/CCCXV and D (H.)/CCCXVI.

33 Bde. arrived le Havre on 3/7/16, and joined R.N. Div. on 5/7/16. On 31/8/16 Bde. was reorganized: 1 sec. C joined A, and 1 sec. C joined B, making A and B up to six 18-pdrs. each. On 18/11/16 525 (H.) joined and became C (H.). On 24/1/17 D (H.) was broken up: R. Sec. joined D (H.)/CCCXVII; and L. Sec. joined D (H.)/CCXXIII. On 11/2/17 one sec. of C (H.)/CCCVIII joined C (H.)/CCCXV, and on the same day C (H.) became D (H.); and on 11/2/17 A/CCLX joined and become C/CCCXV. On 1/3/17 the Bde. became an A.F.A. Bde.

34 Bde. arrived le Havre on 3/7/16, and joined R.N. Div. on 5/7/16. On 31/8/16 the Bde was broken up: R. Sec. A joined A/CCXXIII, L. Sec. A joined B/CCXXIII; R. Sec. B joined C, and C then became C/CCCXVII; L. Sec. B joined C/CCXXIII; and D (H.) became D (H.)/CCCXVII.

35 Bde. arrived le Havre on 3/7/16, and joined R.N. Div. on 5/7/16. Bde. was reorganized 31/8-1/9/16: R. Sec. of C joined A; L. Sec. of C joined B; C/CCCXVI with R. Sec., B/CCCXVI joined Bde. and became C/CCCXVII; and D (H.)/CCCXVI joined and became D (H.)/CCCXVII. On 24/1/17 R. Sec., D (H.) CCCXV joined D (H.)/CCCXVII, and made Bty. up to six hows.

36 Bde. arrived le Havre on 3/7/16, and joined R.N. Div. on 5/7/16. On 18/7/16 A (H.)/CCXXIII joined and became D (H.)/CCCXVIII. On 19/7/16 CCCXVIII was designated CCXXV, and on 31/7/16 the Bde. was re-designated CCXXIII. On 31/8/16 Bde. was reorganized: R. Sec., A/CCCXVI joined A, and L. Sec., A/CCCXVI joined B, and L. Sec., B/CCCXVI joined C. On 24/1/17 L. Sec., D (H.)/CCCXV joined D (H.)/CCXXIII and made Bty. up to 6 hows.

37 D.A.C. arrived le Havre on 4/7/16 and joined R.N. Div. on 12/7/16.

38 Fd. Coy. went to Mesopotamia and joined 15th (Indian) Div. at Nasiriya on 30/11-1/12/16. Fd. Coy. was numbered 448th on 6/3/17.

39 Fd. Coy. went to Mesopotamia and joined 15th (Indian) Div. at Nasiriya on 10/3/17. Fd. Coy. was numbered 450th on 6/3/17.

40 Fd. Coy. went to Mesopotamia and joined 15th (Indian) Div. at Nasiriya on 10/1/17. Fd. Coy. was numbered 451st on 6/3/17.

41 Fd. Ambce. went to Salonika and arrived in Sept., 1916; it joined Army Troops.

42 Fd. Ambc. embkd. Southampton on 10/9/16 and disembkd. at Salonika on 22/9/16; it was posted to XVI Corps Troops on 27/9/16.

43 The H.Q. of the Train was disbanded in July, 1916. The four Companies went on until 1919: 529 at Grantham; 530 at Newcastle; 531 at York; and 532 at York and Grimsby.

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63RD (2ND/NORTHUMBRIAN) DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division); and the twelve reserve (or 2nd-line) Northumbrian battalions were raised at their respective regimental headquarters between the 4th September and the 28th December, 1914. The reserve battalions were originally raised for home defence, but individual recruits were to be encouraged to volunteer for imperial service. It was not until late in May, 1915, that all the home-service men were drafted to home-service units and the 2nd-line battalions were organized with only foreign-service men. Nevertheless, beginning in January, 1915, drafts had been continually supplied to the 1st-line battalions. Naturally the progressive training of the recruits was considerably delayed by this constant provision of drafts, as well as by the fact that some of the few available arms, as well as equipment and greatcoats, had on more than one occasion to be withdrawn from the men and handed over to the sister 1st-line battalions.

Infantry brigades were formed in January, 1915, and shortly afterwards divisional headquarters opened at Newcastle. Gradually the division was assembled at and around Newcastle in the Northern Command: 188th Brigade at Swallwell Camp, 189th at Cramlington Camp, 190th at Heworth, divisional artillery at Newcastle, Gosforth Park, and Gateshead, and engineers at Newcastle. On the 20th May, whilst it was still around Newcastle, the division was inspected by His Majesty the King.

During the time it was quartered around Newcastle, and practically until its dissolution, the division was responsible for the defence of the North-East Coast in the Seaham Harbour–Sunderland–Newcastle area. Until the end of May the 190th Brigade manned trenches on the coast between Seaham and Roker.

On the 26th July, 1915, instructions were received that 600 was the minimum strength for any 2nd-line battalion, and any men in excess of 600 could be taken for overseas reinforcements.

On the 30th November divisional headquarters opened at Retford and the division then moved into the following quarters: 188th Brigade in York, 189th in Retford and Gainsborough, 190th in Doncaster, with divisional artillery in Retford, York, and Doncaster, heavy battery (2/1/N. Riding) at Hedon, and engineers in Worksop. These quarters were retained for the remainder of the division's brief existence, and during this period the division formed part of the Eighth New Army.

At the end of March, 1916, the strength of the 63rd Division was only 12,867, out of an establishment of 17,243. In the latter half of May the divisional artillery left and moved to Heytesbury, and then began to prepare for service overseas. On the 2nd July the artillery left for France and joined the Royal Naval Division* (see Table and notes). By this time the strength of the 63rd (2nd/Northumbrian) Division was reduced to 9,135 all ranks; and on the 16th July the 189th Brigade furnished a draft of 621 other ranks for 1st-line units overseas, thus further depleting the strength. The decision to break up the 63rd Division, however, had already been reached, and an order to this effect was issued.

In accordance with this order, on the 20th July, divisional headquarters issued a special farwell order 'on the eve of the final dissolution of the division,' and on the 21st July, 1916, the 63rd (2nd/Northumbrian) Division ceased to exist.

The three infantry brigades remained in existence until late in 1916 (see Table and notes), and, as heretofore, the infantry continued to supply drafts. The 188th Brigade remained at York; but, on the 22nd July, the 189th and 190th Brigades both moved to Catterick. Gradually all the units (which had originally belonged to the division) were either transferred to other formations or to various theatres of war, or drafted, or broken up. The last unit disappeared on the 29th January, 1917.

* On 19/7/16 the Royal Naval Division became 63rd (Royal Naval) Division.

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64TH (2ND/HIGHLAND) DIVISION

G.O.C.

25 January, 1915 ... ... Br.-Gen. G. C. I. STOCKWELL.
8 February, 1916 ... ... Major-General R. BANNATINE-ALLASON.
14 August, 1917 ... ... Major-General H. J. S. LANDON.
28 March, 1918 ... ... Major-General Sir H. T. LUKIN.
4 November, 1918 ... ... Major-General Sir J. E. CAPPER.

G.S.O. 1.

25 Jan., 1915...Capt. J. B. L. MONTEITH (acting).
6 Feb., 1915...Major W. S. BANKS (acting).
18 Mar., 1915...Colonel H. W. G. GRAHAM.
6 April, 1916...Lt.-Col. H. ST. C. WILKINS.
16 Dec., 1916...Lt.-Col. W. E. DAVIES.
8 Jan., 1918...Lt.-Col. T. E. L. HILL-WHITSON.
18 July, 1918...Lt.-Col. P. S. ROWAN.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

25 Jan., 1915...Capt. J. B. L. MONTEITH (acting).
17 Mar., 1915...Major J. R. FRASER (acting).
15 June, 1915...Lt.-Col. J. R. FRASER.
4 July, 1916...Lt.-Col. A. L. LAW.
11 Sept., 1918...Lt.-Col. C. T. M. HARE.

B.-G., R.A.

25 Jan., 1915...Colonel D. E. DEWAR.
19 Jan., 1916...Colonel H. A. BRENDON.
26 April, 1916...Colonel L. G. F. GORDON.
29 May, 1916...Br.-Gen. H. G. SANDILANDS.
22 Oct., 1916...Br.-Gen. G. W. BIDDULPH.
18 May, 1918...Br.-Gen. H. G. LLOYD.
30 Oct., 1918...Br.-Gen. J. C. WRAY.

C.R.E.

19 May, 1915...Lt.-Col. G. A. CORNWALL.
6 May, 1916...Major G. A. LEDINGHAM (acting).
15 May, 1916...Lt.-Col. H. J. KINGHORN.

191st BDE.

(2nd/1st Sea. and Cam.)

16 Jan., '15...Col. J. H. EWART (sick, 19/11/15).
19 Nov., '15...Col. E. G. BUIK (acting).
8 Dec., '15...Br.-Gen. R. SCOTT-KERR.
15 Jan., '18...Br.-Gen. T. H. F. PEARSE.

192nd BDE.

(2nd/1st Gordon)

20 Jan., '15...Col. A. M. CARTHEW-YORSTOUN.
1 June, '16...Br.-Gen. R. W. H. RONALDSON.
5 Dec., '17...Br.-Gen. W. L. OSBORNE.
10 April, '18...Br.-Gen. W. MARRIOTT-DODINGTON.

193rd BDE.

(2nd/1st A. and S.)

29 Jan., '15...Col. A. C. D. DICK.
1 June, '16...Br.-Gen. D. L. MACEWEN.
19 June, '16...Lt.-Col. Sir A. W. G. T. LEITH-BUCHANAN (acting).
26 June, '16...Br.-Gen. J. D. MCLACHLAN.
20 Aug., '17...Br.-Gen. C. T. SHIPLEY.

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64TH[1] (2ND/HIGHLAND) DIVISION

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1915 August (Scotland)	191st[1]; [2] (2nd/1st Sea. & Cam.) 192nd[1]; [3] (2nd/1st Gord.) 193rd[1]; [4] (2nd/1st A. & S.)	2/4/Sea. H., 2/5/Sea. H., 2/6/Sea. H., 2/4/Cam. H. 2/4/Gord. H., 2/5/Gord. H., 2/6/Gord. H., 2/7/Gord. H. 2/6/A. & S. H., 2/7/A. & S. H., 2/8/A. & S. H., 2/9/ A. & S. H.	64th (2/1/ High-land) Div. Cyclist Coy.	2nd/I Highl'd. 2nd/II Highl'd. 2nd/III Highl'd. (H.)	2/1/Aberdeen, 2/2/Aberdeen, 2/3/Aberdeen. 2/1/Forfarshire, 2/1/Fifeshire, 2/1/Dundee. 2/1/Renfrew (H.), 2/2/Renfrew (H.)	2nd/I Highl'd. 2nd/II Highl'd. 2nd/III Highl'd (H.)	...	...	...	2/1/ Highland 3/2/ Highland	64th (2/1/ High-land)	...	...	2/2/ Highland 2/3/ Highland	64th (2/1/ High land)	...	64th[5] (2/1/ High-land)
1915 November (Scotland)	191st[6] ... 192nd[6] ... 193rd[6] ...	No. 1 Bn. (2/4/Sea. H.), No. 2 Bn. (2/5/6/Sea. H.), No. 3 Bn. (2/4/Cam. H.), No. 4 Bn. (2/4/5/B.W.) No. 5 Bn. (2/4/5/Gord. H.), No. 6 Bn. (2/6/7/Gord. H.), No. 7 Bn. (2/6/B.W.), No. 8 Bn. (2/7/B.W.) No. 9 Bn. (2/5/8/A. & S. H.), No. 10 Bn. (2/6/A. & S. H.), No. 11 Bn. (2/7/A. & S. H.), No. 12 Bn. (2/9/A. & S. H.)	64th Div. Cyclist Coy.	2nd/I Highl'd. 2nd/II Highl'd. 2nd/III Highl'd (H.)	2/1/Aberdeen, 2/2/Aberdeen, 2/3/Aberdeen. 2/1/Forfarshire, 2/1/Fifeshire, 2/1/Dundee. 2/1/Renfrew (H.), 2/2/Renfrew (H.)	2nd/I Highl'd. 2nd/II Highl'd. 2nd/III Highl'd. (H.)	...	...	64th D.A.C. (2nd/1/ High-land)	1/3/ Highland 2/1/ Highland 3/2/ Highland	64th	...	...	3/1/ Highland 2/2/ Highland 2/3/ Highland	64th	...	64th
1916 April (England)	191st[7] ... 192nd[7] ... 193rd[7] ...	2/4/B.W., 2/4/Sea. H., 2/6/Sea. H., 2/4/Cam. H. 2/6/B.W., 2/7/B.W., 2/5/Gord. H., 2/7/Gord. H. 2/6/A. & S.H., 2/7/A. & S. H., 2/8/A. & S. H., 2/9/A. & S.H.	64th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXX[8] ..... (2nd/I Highl'd.) CCCXXI[8] ..... (2nd/II Highl'd.) CCCXXIII(H.)[8] (2nd/III Highl'd.)	A, B, C A, B, C A (H.), B (H.)	CCCXX B.A.C. CCCXXI B.A.C. CCCXXIII B.A.C. (H.)	...	...	64th D.A.C.	1/3/ Highland 2/1/ Highland 3/2/ Highland	64th	...	...	3/1/ Highland 2/2/ Highland 2/3/ Highland	64th	...	64th
1916 October (England)	191st ..... 192nd..... 193rd.....	2/4/B.W., 2/4/Sea. H., 2/6/Sea. H., 2/4/Cam. H. 2/6/B.W., 2/7/B.W., 2/5/Gord. H., 2/7/Gord. H. 2/6/A. & S. H., 2/7/A. & S. H., 2/8/A. & S. H., 2/9/A. & S. H.	C Sqdn., 2/1/ Glasgow Yeo. 64th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXX ..... CCCXXI ..... CCCXXII[10] ...	A, B, C; D (H.); A/CCXCIII[9] A, B, C; D (H.); B/CCXCIII[9] A, B. C	...	...	...	64th D.A.C.	1/3/ Highland 2/1/ Highland 3/2/ Highland	64th	...	...	3/1/ Highland 2/2/ Highland 2/3/ Highland	64th	...	64th

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1917 June (England)	191st ..... 192nd..... 193rd.....	2/4/B.W., 2/4/Sea. H., 2/6/Sea. H., 2/4/Cam. H. 2/6/B.W., 2/7/B.W., 2/5/Gord. H., 2/7/Gord. H. 2/6/A. & S. H., 2/7/A. & S. H., 2/8/A. & S. H., 2/9/ A. & S. H.	64th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXX ..... CCCXXI	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	...	...	64th D.A.C.	402nd (1/3/ Highl'd.) 403rd (2/1/ Highl'd.) 405th (3/2/ Highl'd.)	64th	...	...	310th (3/1/ High-land) 311th (2/2/ High-land) 312th (2/3/ High-land.)	64th	...	64th
1917 September (England)	191st ..... 192nd..... 193rd.....	2/4/B.W., 2/4/Sea. H., 2/4/Cam. H., 201st Bn.,[11] ; [12] 202nd Bn.[11] ; [12] 2/7/B.W., 2/5/Gord. H., 205th Bn.,[11] ; [12] 206th Bn.[11] ; [12] 2/6/A. & S. H., 2/8/A. & S. H., 209th Bn.,[11] ; [12] 210th Bn.[11] ; [12]	64th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXX ..... CCCXXI	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	...	...	64th D.A.C.	402nd 403rd 405th	64th	...	...	310th 311th 312th	64th	...	64th
1917 December (England)	191st ..... 192nd..... 193rd.....	2/4/B.W., 51/H.L.I. (G.),[12] 2/4/Sea. H., 51/Gord. H. (G.),[12] 2/4/Cam. H. 51/Devon. (G.),[12] 2/7/B.W., 52/H.L.I. (G.),[12] 2/5/Gord. H. 52/Devon. (G.),[12] ; [16] 51/Midd'x. (G.)[12] 2/6/A. & S. H., 2/8/A. & S. H.	64th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXX ..... CCCXXI	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	...	...	64th D.A.C.	402nd 403rd 405th	64th	...	...	310th 311th 312th	64th	...	64th
1918 April (England)	191st ..... 192nd..... 193rd.....	51/R. Suss. (G.),[13] 52/R. Suss. (G.),[14] 51/H.L.I. (G.), 51/Gord. H. (G.) 52/Queen's (G.),[15] 51/Devon. (G.), 52/Devon. (G.),[16] 52/H.L.I. (G.). 51/Bedf. (G.),[17] 52/Bedf.(G.),[18] 51/Midd'x. (G.), 52/Midd'x. (G.)[19]	64th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXX ..... CCCXXI	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	...	...	64th D.A.C.	402nd 403rd 405th	64th	...	...	310th 311th 312th	64th	...	64th
1918 October (England)	191st ..... 192nd..... 193rd.....	51/R. Suss. (G.), 52/R. Suss. (G.), 51/H.L.I. (G.), 51/Gord. H. (G.) 52/Queen's (G.), 51/Devon. (G.), 52/Devon. (G.), 52/H.L.I. (G.) 51/Bedf. (G.), 52/Bedf. (G.), 51/Midd'x. (G.), 52/Midd'x. (G.)	64th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXX ..... CCCXXI	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	...	...	64th D.A.C.	402nd 403rd 405th	64th	...	...	310th 311th 312th	64th	...	64th

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NOTES

1 On the 17th Aug., 1915, the Highland 2nd-line Division and Infantry Brigades were given numbers. (Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.)

2 The Bde. was formed in January, 1915.

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5 The Train consisted of 533, 534, 535, and 536 Cos., A.S.C. The 4 Companies received the numbers on 14/2/16.

6 The Inf. Bdes. were reorganized on 8/11/15, and the numbering of the battalions was altered. (Authy. Div. R.O., No. 173/4.)

7 On 11/1/16 titles were given to the composite battalions in the Inf. Bdes. (Authy. W.O. letter No. 9/Gen./No. 5510, A.G.1, of 4/1/16.)

8 Numbers were allotted to the Artillery Bdes. and the batteries were lettered on 18/5/16. (Authy., W.O. letter No. 9/Gen./No. 6051 (S.D. 2.), of 6/5/16.) By this date 18-pdrs. had been received by CCCXX and CCCXXI Bdes., and 4.5" hows. by CCCXXIII Bde. CCCXXIII was broken up in May.

9 These batteries were attached from 58th (2/1st London) Div. Arty., as a temporary measure.

10 3 18-pdr. batteries were formed at Catterick by V Res. Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.), and joined 64th Div. on 3/11/16. The 3 batteries then formed CCCXXII Bde. By 29/1/17 CCCXXII was broken up and the batteries were used to complete the other 18-pdr. batteries of the 64th Div. to 6 guns each.

11 These 6 Graduated Battalions of the Training Reserve served with the division from 16/7/17.

12 The 6 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations from 27/10/17.

13 Transferred on 25/2/18 from 213th Bde., 71st Div. (disbanded).

14 Transferred on 18/2/18 from 212th Bde., 71st Div. (disbanded).

15 Transferred on 18/2/18 from 213th Bde., 71st Div. (disbanded).

16 Transferred on 26/2/18 from 193rd Bde. to 192nd Bde.

17 Transferred on 19/2/18 from 212th Bde., 71st Div. (disbanded).

18 Transferred on 25/2/18 from 213th Bde., 71st Div. (disbanded).

19 Transferred on 26/2/18 from 212th Bde., 71st Div. (disbanded).

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units of the 64th Div. served with the 51st Div. :—

2/2/Highland Field Coy., joined 51st (Highland) Division, and served on the Western Front, throughout the War, with the 51st Division. The Fd. Coy. was numbered 404th.

2/1/Highland Fd. Ambce., joined 51st Highland Division, and served on the Western Front with the 51st Division throughout the War.

The following Units also served with, or were attached to, the 64th Division :—

ARTILLERY :—1129 Bty., R.F.A., attached in May, 1917.
Bute Mountain Bty. (IV Highland Mtn. Arty. Bde.)—from April, 1915–Septr., 1916. (The Bty. went to Salonika on 6/9/16 and disembkd. there on 20/9/16.)
2/1/Highland (Fifeshire) Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (T.F.), served with the Division until Septr., 1916, when the Hy. Bty. was attached to the 3rd Provisional Bde. at Sheringham. By August, 1917, the Hy. Bty. was attached to the 223rd Mixed Brigade at Sheringham ; and the Hy. Bty. remained with this Bde. until the end of the War.

OTHER UNITS :—2/1/Highland Sanitary Section, until the end of 1917 ; and
64th Motor Ambulance Workshop, until it was absorbed by the Train in 1916.

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64TH (2ND/HIGHLAND) DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division); and during 1914 the twelve reserve (or 2nd-line) Highland battalions, as well as the 2nd-line Highland batteries, field companies, train, and field ambulances, were raised at their respective headquarters. The infantry brigades were formed in January, 1915; but progressive training was delayed and complicated by the frequent provision of drafts to the 1st-line battalions and by the lack of up-to-date arms and equipment.

Divisional headquarters opened at Perth in January, 1915; but some time elapsed before the various units were sufficiently assembled for the division to be considered more or less complete. By August, however, the three infantry brigades were around Blair Athol, Scone, and Falkirk, the artillery was at Edzell, Forfar, Brechin, and Rothesay, with the heavy battery at Dunfermline, and the engineers, field ambulances, and the train were at Blair Athol, Perth, and Scone. Winter stations were occupied in November, and the division then billetted as follows: divisional headquarters in Perth; 191st Brigade at Pitlochry, Crieff, Aberfeldy, and Auchterarder; 192nd Brigade at Blairgowrie and Forfar; and 193rd Brigade at Montrose and Arbroath. The artillery was at Perth, Forfar, Brechin, and Rothesay; the engineers at Perth, Alyth, Dundee, and Coupar; the field ambulances at Comrie, Alyth, and Forfar; and the train at Kirriemuir, Montrose, Blairgowrie, and Crieff.

By January, 1916, 64th Division had been allotted to the Eighth New Army; in March the division moved southward into England, and, by the 31st, divisional headquarters opened at Norwich. In this city the divisional headquarters remained for the rest of the War, and during this period the division was employed on home defence. In March, however, the organization of Home Defence Troops was altered and the division came under Northern Army; and, in October, army headquarters also moved to Norwich.

The division was now quartered as follows: 191st Brigade at Kelling, 192nd Brigade at Taverham, and 193rd Brigade at North Walsham; mounted troops were at Taverham; artillery at Blickling and Worstead; and engineers at Norwich, Taverham, North Walsham, and Kelling. These stations were maintained until the winter of 1917; but, during this year the composition of the infantry of the division gradually changed: the 2nd-line battalions were withdrawn; and, as a first step in reorganization, two graduated battalions of the Training Reserve were posted to each infantry brigade. At this time the division took up the following winter quarters: 191st Brigade at Cromer, 192nd Brigade at Norwich, and 193rd Brigade at Norwich and Sheringham; the cyclists were in Norwich; the artillery at Norwich, Aylsham, and Haveringland; and the engineers at Norwich, Holt, Taverham, and Witton. Whilst occupying these winter quarters the final reorganization of the division took place and the remaining 2nd-line battalions were replaced by graduated battalions of the Training Reserve. By the end of October all the graduated battalions of the Training Reserve were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations. In this way the division lost its original territorial association.

By the end of February, 1918, the change over was completed (see Table); and, in April, the division (now in XXIII Corps) occupied the following summer stations: 191st Brigade at Thetford, 192nd Brigade at Kelling, Holt, and Metton, and 193rd Brigade at Taverham; the cyclists were at Costessey, the artillery at Norwich, Aylsham, and Westwick Park, and the engineers at Norwich, West Runton, and Taverham. At the end of the War the division, still in the XXIII Corps, was again in winter quarters: 191st Brigade at Thetford and Fakenham, 192nd Brigade at Cromer and Sheringham, and 193rd Brigade at Norwich; the cyclists were at Oulton Broad, the artillery at Norwich, Reepham, and Aylsham, and the engineers at Norwich, West Runton, Burlingham, and Taverham.

After the Armistice the division remained in Norfolk, and there it received orders for its demobilization and disbandment. Early in January, 1919, the cyclist company began to demobilize. Thereafter the strength gradually dwindled. By the 10th March the division had shrunk to 11,969 all ranks; and on the 15th April, 1919, the 64th Division ceased to exist.

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65TH (2ND/LOWLAND) DIVISION

G.O.C.

12 April, 1915	Br.-Gen. EARL OF ERROLL.
12 February, 1916...	Major-General T. E. STEPHENSON (sick, 15/8/16).
15 August, 1916	Br.-Gen. D. G. PRINSEP (acting).
19 August, 1916	Major-General T. E. STEPHENSON.
9 September, 1916	Major-General G. T. FORESTIER-WALKER.
11 December, 1916	Br.-Gen. D. G. PRINSEP (acting).
23 December, 1916 –18 March, 1918	Major-General Hon. E. J. MONTAGU-STUART-WORTLEY.

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20 Jan., 1915	Colonel F. G. BLAIR.
14 Mar., 1915	Major W. J. ANDERSON (acting).
6 May, 1915	Lt.-Col. T. E. L. HILL-WHITSON.
6 Nov., 1915	Lt.-Col. J. M. HOME.
26 Sept., 1916	Lt.-Col. B. J. CURLING.
21 April, 1917	Lt.-Col. H. A. WALKER.
7 Oct., 1917	Lt.-Col. E. A. BRADFORD.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

22 Jan., 1915	Captain A. LYON (acting).
17 May, 1915	Colonel J. R. MATHEWES (sick, 24/8/16).
24 Aug., 1916	Major E. MOLYNEUX-SEEL (acting).
8 Sept., 1916 –5 Feb., 1918	Colonel J. R. MATHEWES.

B.-G., R.A.

25 Jan., 1915	Colonel H. C. DUNLOP.
30 Nov., 1915	Colonel D. G. PRINSEP.
7 July, 1916	Br.-Gen. D. G. PRINSEP.
21 April, 1917	Br.-Gen. F. A. G. Y. ELTON.

C.R.E.

8 Nov., 1915	Lt.-Col. J. M. ARTHUR.

194th BDE.

(2nd/1st South Scottish)

15 Jan., '15	Colonel W. C. DOUGLAS
17 Mar., '16 –15 Mar., '18	Br.-Gen. F. A. MACFARLAN.

195th BDE.

(2nd/1st Scottish Rifle)

21 Jan., '15	Colonel J. C. L. CAMPBELL.
10 Dec., '15 –15 Mar., '18	Br.-Gen. P. A. TURNER.

196th BDE.

(2nd/1st Highland Lt. Inf.)

18 Jan., '15	Colonel LORD SALTOUN.
15 Mar., '16	Br.-Gen. H. F. KAYS (sick, 1/6/16).
1 June, '16	Lt.-Col. G. McNISH (acting).
18 Aug., '16 –16 Mar., '18	Br.-Gen. H. F. KAYS.

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65TH[1] (2ND/LOWLAND) DIVISION

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.		Divnl. Ammn. Coln.								
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy		Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1915 August (Scotland)	194th[1]; [2] (2nd/1st S. Scottish) 195th[1]; [3] (2nd/1st Sco. Rif.) 196th[1]; [4] (2nd/1st H.L.I.)	2/4/R.S.F., 2/5/R.S.F., 2/4/K.O.S.B., 2/5/K.O.S.B. 2/5/Sco. Rif., 2/6/Soc. Rif., 2/7/Sco. Rif., 2/8/Sco. Rif. 2/5/H.L.I., 2/6/H.L.I., 2/7/H.L.I., 2/9/H.L.I.	...	2nd/I Lowland. 2nd/II Lowland 2nd/III Lowland 2nd/IV Lowland (H.)	2/1/Edinburgh, 2/2/Edinburgh, 2/1/Midlothian. 2/1/Ayr, 2/2/Ayr, 2/1/Kirkcudbright. 2/1/Glasgow, 2/2/Glasgow, 2/3/Glasgow. 2/4/Glasgow (H.), 2/5/Glasgow (H.)	2nd/I Lowland 2nd/II Lowland 2nd/III Lowland 2nd/IV Lowland (H.)	...	...	...	3/1/ Lowland 3/2/ Lowland	65th (2nd/1/ Lowland)	...	...	2/1/ Lowland 2/2/ Lowland 2/3/ Lowland	65th (2/1/ Lowland)	...	65th[5] (2nd/1/ Lowland)
1915 November (Scotland)	194th[6] ... 195th[6] ... 196th[6] ...	No. 13 Bn. (2/4/5/R.S.F., 2/5/Bord.), No. 14 Bn. (2/4/5/K.O.S.B.), No. 15 Bn. (2/7/R. Scots), No. 16 Bn. (2/8/R. Scots) No. 17 Bn. (2/5/8/Sco. Rif.), No. 18 Bn. (2/6/7/Sco. Rif.), No. 19 Bn. (2/4/5/6/ R. Scots), No. 20 Bn. (2/9/R. Scots) No. 21 Bn. (2/5/H.L.I.), No. 22 Bn. (2/6/H.L.I.), No. 23 Bn. (2/7/H.L.I.), No. 24 Bn. (2/9/H.L.I.)	65th (2nd/1/ Lowland) Div. Cyclist Coy.	2nd/I Lowland 2nd/II Lowland 2nd/III Lowland 2nd/IV Lowland (H.)	2/1/Edinburgh, 2/2/Edinburgh, 2/1/Midlothian. 2/1/Ayr, 2/2/Ayr, 2/1/Kirkcudbright. 2/1/Glasgow, 2/2/Glasgow, 2/3/Glasgow. 2/4/Glasgow (H.), 2/5/Glasgow (H.)	2nd/I Lowland 2nd/II Lowland 2nd/III Lowland 2nd/IV Lowland (H.)	...	...	65th D.A.C. (2nd/1/ Lowland)	1/3/ Lowland 3/1/ Lowland 3/2/ Lowland	65th	...	...	2/1/ Lowland 2/2/ Lowland 2/3/ Lowland	65th	...	65th
1916 May (England)	194th[7] ... 195th[7] ... 196th[7] ...	2/7/R. Scots, 2/8/R. Scots, 2/4/R.S.F., 2/5/K.O.S.B. 2/4/R. Scots, 2/9/R. Scots, 2/5/Sco. Rif., 2/6/Sco. Rif. 2/5/H.L.I., 2/6/H.L.I., 2/7/H.L.I., 2/9/H.L.I.	65th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXXV[8]..... (2nd/I Lowland) CCCXXVI[8] (2nd/II Lowland) CCCXXVII[8]... (2nd/III Lowland) CCCXXVIII... (H.)[8] (2nd/IV Lowland)	A, B, C A, B, C A, B, C A (H.), B (H.)	CCCXXV B.A.C. CCCXXVI B.A.C. CCCXXVII B.A.C. CCCXXVIII (H.) B.A.C.	...	...	65th D.A.C.	1/3/ Lowland 3/1/ Lowland 3/2/ Lowland	65th	...	...	2/1/ Lowland 2/2/ Lowland 2/3/ Lowland	65th	...	65th
1916 October (England)	194th..... 195th..... 196th.....	2/7/R. Scots, 2/8/R. Scots, 2/4/R.S.F., 2/5/K.O.S.B. 2/4/R. Scots, 2/9/R. Scots, 2/5/Sco. Rif., 2/6/Sco. Rif. 2/5/H.L.I., 2/6/H.L.I., 2/7/H.L.I, 2/9/H.L.I.	1 Sqdn., 2/1/ Glasgow Yeo. 65th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXXV ..... CCCXXVI..... CCCXXVII ...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C	...	...	...	65th D.A.C.	1/3/ Lowland 3/1/ Lowland 3/2/ Lowland	65th	...	...	2/1/ Lowland 2/2/ Lowland 2/3/ Lowland	65th	...	65th

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1917 February (Ireland)	194th..... 195th..... 196th.....	2/7/R. Scots, 2/8/R. Scots, 2/4/R.S.F., 2/5/K.O.S.B. 2/4/R. Scots, 2/9/R. Scots, 2/5/Sco. Rif., 2/6/Sco. Rif. 2/5/H.L.I., 2/6/H.L.I., 2/7/H.L.I., 2/9/H.L.I.	1 Sqdn. 2/1/ Glasgow Yeo. 65th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXXV ..... CCCXXVI.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	65th D.A.C.	411th (1/3/ Lowland) 414th (3/1/ Lowland) 415th (3/2/ Lowland)	65th	...	...	313th (2/1/ Lowland) 314th (2/2/ Lowland) 315th (2/3/ Lowland)	65th	...	65th
1917 August (Ireland)	194th..... 195th..... 196th.....	2/7/R. Scots, 2/4/R.S.F., 2/5/K.O.S.B., 213th Bn.[9]; [10] 2/9/R. Scots, 2/5/Sco. Rif., 2/6/Sco. Rif., 217th Bn.[9]; [10] 2/5/H.L.I., 2/6/H.L.I., 2/9/H.L.I., 221st Bn.[9]; [10]	65th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXXV ..... CCCXXVI.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	65th D.A.C.	411th 414th 415th	65th	...	...	313th 314th 315th	65th	...	65th
1917 December (Ireland)	194th..... 195th..... 196th.....	2/7/R. Scots, 2/4/R.S.F., 51/Ches. (G.),[10] 2/5/K.O.S.B. 2/9/R. Scots, 51/King's (G.),[10] 2/5/Sco. Rif., 2/6/Sco. Rif. 52/Ches. (G.),[10] 2/5/H.L.I., 2/6/H.L.I., 2/9/H.L.I.	65th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXXV ..... CCCXXVI.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	65th D.A.C.	411th 414th 415th	65th	...	...	313th 314th 315th	65th	...	65th
1918 February (Ireland)	194th..... 195th..... 196th.....	2/7/R. Scots, 2/4/R.S.F., 51/Ches. (G.),[11] 2/5/K.O.S.B. 2/9/R. Scots, 51/King's (G.),[12] 2/5/Sco. Rif., 2/6/Sco. Rif. 52/Ches. (G.),[13] 2/5/H.L.I., 2/6/H.L.I., 2/9/H.L.I.	65th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXXV[14] ... CCCXXVI[15] ...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	65th D.A.C.	411th[16] 414th[17] 415th[18]	65th[19]	...	...	313th[20] 314th[21] 315th[22]	65th[23]	...	65th[24]

On the 18th March, 1918, the 65th Division was broken up.

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NOTES

1 In the middle of August, 1915, the Lowland 2nd-line Division and Infantry Brigades were given numbers. (Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.)

2 The Bde. was formed in January, 1915.

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5 The Train consisted of 537, 538, 539, and 540 Cos., A.S.C. The Cos. received numbers in February, 1916.

6 In Nov., 1915, the Inf. Bdes. were reorganized, and the numbering of the battalions was altered.

7 In January, 1916, titles were given to the composite battalions in the Inf. Bdes.

8 In May, 1916, numbers were allotted to the Artillery Bdes., and the batteries were lettered. By this time 18-pdrs. had also been received as well as 4.5" hows. In 1916 CCCXXVIII was broken up and the batteries joined CCCXXV and CCCXXVI.

9 These 3 battalions were Graduated Battalions of the Training Reserve; they served with the Division: 213th and 217th from 23/7/17; and 221st from 30/7/17.

10 The Graduated Battalions of the Training Reserve were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations from 27/10/17.

11 Bn. remained at the Curragh until 25/11/18; and by 2/12/18 it had joined 214th Bde., 67th Div., near Colchester.

12 By 11/3/18 the Bn. joined 203rd Bde., 68th Div., near Lowestoft.

13 Bn. remained at the Curragh until 25/11/18; and by 2/12/18 it had joined 214th Bde., 67th Div., near Colchester.

14 Bde. remained at Fermoy until 29/12/19, when it completed disbandment.

15 Bde. remained at Kildare until 27/10/19, when it completed disbandment.

16 By 24/6/18 the Coy. had left Balbriggan for Sandling. The Coy. went to France, disembkd. at le Havre on 16/7/18, left le Havre on 19/7/18, and joined Army Troops, Second Army, on 20/7/18.

17 The Coy. remained at the Curragh until it was disbanded on 6/10/19.

18 By 7/10/18 the Coy. had moved from the Curragh to Ballinrobe. The Coy. remained at Ballinrobe until it was disbanded on 6/10/19.

19 Disbanded by 25/3/18.

20 Remained at the Curragh. It was disbanded by 3/3/19.

21 Remained at Fermoy and then moved to Randalstown. It was disbanded by 21/4/19.

22 Disbanded by 25/2/18.

23 Disbanded by 18/3/18.

24 H.Q. of the Train remained at the Curragh and was disbanded by 12/8/18; 537 Coy. remained at Fermoy until the end of 1919; 538, at the Curragh, was disbanded by 21/4/19; 539 remained at the Curragh until the end of 1919; and 540, at Dublin, was disbanded by 10/3/19.

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units of the 65th Div. served in the field with the 52nd Div.:—

2/1/Lowland Fd. Coy. and **2/2/Lowland Fd. Coy.** joined 52nd (Lowland) Division in 1915, and served with the 52nd Division in Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine, and France. The Fd. Cos. were numbered 412th and 413th.

The following Units also served with the 65th Division:—

ARTILLERY:—2/1/Lowland (City of Edinburgh) Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (T.F.), served with the Division until May, 1916, when the Heavy Battery went to France; it disembarked at le Havre on 30/5/16. The Heavy Battery served on the Western Front for the remainder of the Great War; it joined VI Corps Hy. Arty. (near Arras) on 1/6/16, and joined VIII H.A.G. on 10/6/16.

OTHER UNITS:—2/1/Lowland Sanitary Section, until 7 May, 1917; and **65th Motor Ambulance Workshop,** until it was absorbed by the Train in 1916.

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65TH (2ND/LOWLAND) DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division); and before the end of 1914 the twelve reserve (or 2nd-line) Lowland battalions, as well as the 2nd-line Lowland batteries, field companies, train, and field ambulances, were raised at the headquarters of their 1st-line units.

In January, 1915, the Lowland infantry brigades were formed. Progressive training for war was delayed by the provision of frequent drafts for the 1st-line units. In addition training was complicated by the lack of up-to-date arms and equipment and by the necessary reorganization of the units, when the home-service men were drafted to home-service units.

Divisional headquarters began to form in January, 1915, but some time elapsed before the various formations and units were sufficiently assembled for the division to be considered more or less complete. By August, however, the division had its headquarters at Bridge of Allan (north of Stirling), and the three infantry brigades were then around Rumbling Bridge, Cambusbarron, and Dunfermline, with one battalion in the Cheviots. The field artillery brigades were at Edinburgh, Larbert, and Tillicoultry, with the heavy battery in Stirling; the field companies were at Bridge of Allan; the field ambulances at Dunfermline, Rumbling Bridge, and Stirling; and the train at Bridge of Allan, Rumbling Bridge, Stirling, and Dunfermline.

In November, 1915, after the reorganization of the battalions, the infantry was quartered, for the winter, as follows: 194th Brigade at Falkirk, Grangemouth, Milnathort, and Larbert; 195th Brigade at Cambusbarron, with one battalion at Tillicoultry; and 196th Brigade at Dunfermline, with one battalion in the Cheviots. The cyclist company was at Markinch; the field artillery brigades were at Edinburgh, Larbert, Callander, and Tillicoultry; the heavy battery was at Buddon; and the engineers were at Bridge of Allan and Alloa. The 65th Division was still serving in the Scottish Command.

In March, 1916, the 65th Division moved into England and joined Southern Army, Home Forces (Army Headquarters at Brentwood). By the 26th March divisional headquarters opened at Chelmsford, and the infantry brigades were near Chelmsford, Billericay, and Danbury. Before the end of the year, however, the dispositions underwent some alteration, and in October the division was disposed as follows: 194th Brigade at Chelmsford, 195th Brigade at Witham and Terling, 196th Brigade at Danbury and Wyndham Mortimer; mounted troops at Danbury and Maldon; artillery at Chelmsford, Great Leighs, Great Baddow, and Little Grange; and engineers at Witham, Bourne End, and Springfield Camp. These dispositions were maintained for the rest of the year.

In the meantime it had been decided that the 65th Division should move to Ireland and relieve the 59th Division. Early in 1917 the move began, and by the 10th January divisional headquarters opened at the Curragh. The 65th Division, now in the Irish Command, was the second Territorial Force division to serve in Ireland. On arrival in Ireland the troops of the division were quartered as follows: 194th Brigade at Dublin and the Curragh, 195th Brigade at Fermoy, Tralee, Limerick, Moore Park, and Kilworth, 196th Brigade at the Curragh, Galway, and Naas; mounted troops at Newbridge and the Curragh; artillery at Kildare and Limerick; and engineers at the Curragh. By August 194th Brigade moved to Oughterard and Moycullen, and 196th Brigade moved into Dublin; otherwise the troops occupied substantially the same quarters as before.

Before the end of 1917 it had been decided to break up the 65th Division; and on the 8th January, 1918, a notification was sent to Home Forces that the division was to be disbanded. On the 11th this was followed by an order to disband the division forthwith. Thereafter the division began to dwindle: 12,036 strong on the 18th February, it had shrunk to 5,874 by the 25th. In the middle of March the three brigade headquarters disappeared; and on the 18th March, with the closing of divisional headquarters, the 65th (2nd/Lowland) Division ceased to exist. On this date the strength of the division was only 3,887 all ranks; and by the 15th May, 1918, a report was rendered that all the remaining units of the division had been transferred, drafted, or disbanded.

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66TH (2ND/EAST LANCASHIRE) DIVISION

G.O.C.

6 November, 1914	Br.-Gen. C. E. BECKETT.
14 November, 1915	Major-General C. J. BLOMFIELD.
10 February, 1916	Colonel C. S. GORDON STEWARD (acting).
1 March, 1916	Major-General C. J. BLOMFIELD.
12 February, 1917	Major-General Hon. H. A. LAWRENCE.
22 December, 1917	Major-General N. MALCOLM (wd., 29/3/18).
29 March, 1918	Br.-Gen. A. J. HUNTER (acting).
31 March, 1918	Major-General H. K. BETHELL.

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11 Nov.,	1914...Major E. M. LANG (acting).
12 April,	1915...Lt.-Col. L. W. G. BUTLER.
2 Mar.,	1916...Lt.-Col. A. R. BURROWES.
29 Mar.,	1918...Lt.-Col. F. P. NOSWORTHY.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

6 Nov.,	1914...Lt.-Col. W. S. FRANCE.
1 Feb.,	1917...Lt.-Col. R. LUKER.
26 Nov.,	1917...Lt.-Col. G. N. MACREADY.
24 April,	1918...Lt.-Col. F. J. LEMON.

B.-G., R.A.

Nov.,	1914...Lt.-Col. J. MAGNUS (acting).
1 Feb.,	1915...Col. C. B. WATKINS.
30 Mar.,	1916...Col. E. H. ARMITAGE.
7 July,	1916...Br.-Gen. E. H. ARMITAGE.
17 Feb.,	1917...Br.-Gen. J. J. MACMAHON.
3 July,	1917...Lt.-Col. J. LAIRD (acting).
13 July,	1917...Br.-Gen. D. B. STEWART (wd., 28/8/17).
28 Aug.,	1917...Lt.-Col. H. E. O'B. TRAILL (acting).
12 Sept.,	1917...Br.-Gen. A. C. LOWE (killed, 24/11/17).
24 Nov.,	1917...Br.-Gen. A. B. FORMAN (tempy.).
25 Nov.,	1917...Lt.-Col. J. LAIRD (acting).
1 Dec.,	1917...Br.-Gen. A. BIRTWISTLE.

C.R.E.

9 Nov.,	1914...Lt.-Col. H. A. FIELDING.
20 Nov.,	1916...Lt.-Col. F. G. GUGGISBERG.
10 May,	1917...Major G. S. KNOX (acting).
12 June,	1917...Lt.-Col. G. C. WILLIAMS (to 199th Bde.).
15 Mar.,	1918...Captain C. A. WEST (acting).
2 April,	1918...Lt.-Col. G. J. P. GOODWIN.
11 Aug.,	1918...Major S. H. MORGAN (acting).
19 Aug.,	1918...Lt.-Col. G. J. P. GOODWIN.
1 Sept.,	1918...MAJOR S. H. MORGAN (acting).
30 Sept.,	1918...Lt.-Col. O. S. DAVIES.

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197th BDE.

(2nd/1st Lanc. Fus.)

5 Nov., '14...Colonel A. A. GARSTIN.
19 May, '16...Br.-Gen. F. L. BANON.
13 July, '17...Br.-Gen. O. C. BORRETT (wd., 30/3/18).
30 Mar., '18...Lt.-Col. G. P. NORTON (acting).
3 April, '18...Br.-Gen. L. L. WHEATLEY.

(On 20/9/18 197th Bde. left 66th Division for L. of C.*)

198th BDE.

(2nd/1st E. Lanc.)

5 Nov., '14...Colonel C. S. GORDON STEWARD.
10 Feb., '16...Lt.-Col. W. PATTERSON (acting).
1 Mar., '16...Colonel C. S. GORDON STEWARD.
8 June, '16...Br.-Gen. G. E. MATTHEWS (wd., 12/4/17; d. of w. 13/4/17).
12 April, '17...Lt.-Col. G. T. B. WILSON (acting).
17 April, '17...Br.-Gen. A. J. HUNTER.

199th BDE.

(2nd/1st Manch.)

16 Nov., '14...Colonel B. N. NORTH.
20 May, '16...Br.-Gen. J. O. TRAVERS.
16 Mar., '18...Br.-Gen. G. C. WILLIAMS.

SOUTH AFRICAN BDE.

(Transferred from 9th Division, and joined 66th Division on 23/9/18).
[1 April, '18]...Br.-Gen. W. E. C. TANNER.

* On 22/9/18 Br.-Gen. L. L. Wheatley left 197th Bde. and assumed the command of 1st Bde., 1st Division. Thereafter, until Armistice, 197th Bde. was commanded by the following officers:—
22 Sept., 1918...Lt.-Col. A. W. BLOCKLEY (acting).
1 Oct., 1918...Lt.-Col. G. V. W. HILL (acting).
6 Oct., 1918...Br.-Gen. J. HAMILTON HALL.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 66th Division :—

IN ENGLAND

1/2/Lancashire Heavy Battery—(4, 4·7″ Guns)—On 16/9/15 the Right Section from Sunderland rejoined the Hy. Bty., which was then with the 66th Div. The Hy. Bty. left the 66th Div. on 5/1/16 and went to Woolwich. The Hy. Bty. (with 4·7″ guns) disembkd. at le Havre on 9/2/16 ; joined XVI Hy. Bde., R.G.A., on 15/2/16 ; and was transferred to XVII Hy. Arty. Group on 23/10/17. By 1917 the Hy. Bty. was rearmed with 6, 60-pdrs.

2/1/Lancashire Heavy Battery, transferred from 57th Div. in 1916, served with 66th Div. in England. Before going to France the Hy. Bty. was rearmed with 6, 60-pdrs. On 1/7/16 the Hy. Bty. disembkd. at le Havre, and on 4/7/16 it was attached to II Anzac Corps ; on 4/8/16 the Hy. Bty. joined LII H.A.G.

2/2/Lancashire Heavy Battery, joined the 66th Div. after concentration. On 7/1/16 the Hy. Bty received 4, 4·7″ Guns—incomplete and worn out, but useful for drill and gun-laying. After the embkn. of the 66th Div. in Febry., 1917, the Hy. Bty. remained in England ; it was attached to the 67th Div. from Septr., 1916-Aug., 1917. From Jany., 1918, the Hy. Bty. was stationed at Minster under the Kent Force, Eastern Command, with which it served at Minster until the end of the Great War. Towards the end of the War, the Hy. Bty. was attached to the Cyclist Division.

2/5/Lancashire Fusiliers, raised at Bury in 1914, the Bn. joined 197th (2/1/Lanc. Fus.) Bde. on its formation. In April, 1915, the Bn. was transferred to 154th (3rd Highland) Bde., 51st (Highland) Div., and joined the Bde. at Bedford by 18/4/15. Bn. went to France with 51st Div. in May, 1915. On 7/1/16 the Bn. was transferred to 55th Div., with 154th Bde. (which then became 164th Bde.). 2/5/L.F. served with 164th Bde., 55th Div., for the remainder of the Great War.

3/1/London Sanitary Section, left before embkn. of Div. in 1917.

The following Unit also served in FRANCE with the 66th Div. :—

66th Sanitary Section. This Section went to France independently. It disembkd. at le Havre on 2/3/17 ; joined 66th Div., near St. Venant, on 5/3/17 ; and, leaving the Division on 8 and 9/4/17, the Section became XI Corps Sanitary Section.

On 20/2/18 the reorganization of the 66th Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and the pioneer battalion was reorganized on 21/2/18 on a 3-company basis.

66th Division Artillery (21 March-11 November, 1918).

From 21/3/18 the 66th D.A. took part in the First Battles of the Somme, 1918, and was engaged in covering the 66th Div. until 28/3/18. On 29/3/18 66th D.A. (east of Villers Bretonneux) was covering Carey's Force, the remaining divisional infantry having been withdrawn from the line. The Artillery remained in action until the end of the Somme Battles, and took part in the Battle of the Avre (4/4/18) when it was engaged in covering the 18th Div. By this time 66th D.A. had been re-organized on a 4-gun battery basis ; the D.A. was then 21 guns and 4 hows. short of a 6-gun establishment. On 7/4/18, B.-G., R.A., 66th Div., had 106 guns in action under his command and his S.O.S. frontage was 6,800 yards. 66th D.A. was relieved on the night of 7/8/4/18. On 11/4/18, 4, 4·5″ hows. and 1, 18-pdr. were drawn from No. 5 Park. (By the end of May all the guns had been completed and the batteries had been organized once more on a 6-gun basis.) On 16/4/18, 66th D.A. (with 541 Coy., A.S.C., of the 66th Div. Train) came under VIII Corps, Second Army, and on 20/4/18 CCCXXX (Comp.) Bde. was attached to 36th Div., II Corps. The Comp. Bde. was in action 21–26/4/18 (Battles of the Lys). On 28/4/18 the 66th D.A. concentrated in the Proven area and batteries returned to their own brigades. From 14 and 15/5–22/5/18 the 66th D.A. was in action near Busseboom covering the French 14th Div. From 13–17/6/18 the 66th D.A. was covering 3rd Div., XIII Corps. From 21 and 22/6/18 the 66th D.A. was under the 61st Div. until 14/7/18, when it was transferred in the line to the 74th Div. On 15/7/18 66th D.A. was relieved. On 20/7/18 66th D.A. was detailed by XIX Corps to co-operate with the American 27th Div. in the defence of the E. Poperinghe Line (or 2nd Position). On 17 and 18/8/18 the 66th D.A. came into action in the front line until 26/8/18, under 41st Div. On 30/8/18, 66th D.A. went into action near Poperinghe to cover the American 30th Div. ; and on 1/9/18 the batteries began to move forward. From 4–6/9/18 66th D.A. was under 35th Div. ; and from 7/9/18 66th D.A. was attached to the 40th Div. (in the front line along the R. Lys). From 12/9–1/10/18 CCCXXX was lent to the 31st Div. ; and 66th D.A. took part in the Battle of Ypres, 28/9–2/10/18. On 5/10/18 the batteries began to move across the R. Lys and on 18/10/18 66th D.A. was relieved near Armentières. On 26 and 27/10/18 66th D.A. went into the line, near Fontaine au Bois, under 25th Div., XIII Corps, and took part in the Battle of the Sambre (4/11/18). On 8/11/18, whilst still in the line, 66th D.A. was at last transferred back to the 66th Div., then in XIII Corps, Fourth Army. 66th D.A. then remained covering the 66th Div. until the Armistice on 11/11/18, by which time batteries had advanced as far as Solre le Château.

BETHELL'S FORCE was formed on 9/11/1918, it was composed as follows :—G.O.C., Major-General H. K. Bethell (Comdg. 66th Divn.). 2 Sqdns., R.A.F., 5th Cav. Bde., A, B, and 2 secs., D (H.)/CCCXXXI, 1 Sec., A.-A., 430th, 431st, 432nd, Fd. Cos., 66th Div. Sig. Coy., No. 17 Armoured Car Bn., IX Corps and XIII Corps Cyclist Bns., 1 Coy., 9/Glouc. (P.), 1 Coy., 100th Bn., M.G.C., S. African Infantry Bde. Group, 1st S.A. Fd. Amb., and Detnts. from 2/2 and 2/3/E. Lanc. Fd. Amb.

Bethell's Force was dissolved after the Armistice. The troops then returned to their own formations.

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66TH[1] (2ND/EAST LANCASHIRE) DIVISION — ORDER OF BATTLE, 1915-1918

Dates	INFANTRY: Brigades	INFANTRY: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Brigades	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Batteries	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Btles.: Medium	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Btles.: Heavy	ARTILLERY: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 November (England)	197th[1] ... (2/1/ Lanc. Fus.) 198th[1] ... (2/1/E. Lanc.) 199th[1] ... (2/1/Manch.)	3/5/L.F.,[2] 2/6/L.F., 2/7/L.F., 2/8/L.F. 2/4/E. Lanc., 2/5/E. Lanc., 2/9/Manch., 2/10/Manch. 2/5/Manch., 2/6/Manch., 2/7/ Manch., 2/8/Manch.	66th (2/1/E. Lanc.) Div. Cyclist Coy.	2/I E. Lanc.[3] 2/II E. Lanc.[3] 2/III E. Lanc.[3] 2/IV E. Lanc.[4] (H.)	2/4/Lanc., 2/5/Lanc., 2/6/Lanc. 2/15/Lanc., 2/16/ Lanc., 2/17/Lanc. 2/18/Lanc., 2/19/ Lanc., 2/20/Lanc. 2/1/Cumbd. (H.), 2/2/Cumbd. (H.)	2/I E. Lanc. 2/II E. Lanc. 2/III E. Lanc. 2/IV E. Lanc. (H.)	...	...	66th (2/1/E. Lanc.) D.A.C.	2/1/ E. Lanc. 2/2/ E. Lanc.	66th (2/1/E. Lanc.)	...	...	2/1/ E. Lanc. 2/2/ E. Lanc. 2/3/ E. Lanc.	...	...	66th[5] (2/1/ E. Lanc.)
1916 September (England)	197th ..... 198th 199th	3/5/L.F., 2/6/L.F., 2/7/L.F., 2/8/L.F. 2/4/E. Lanc., 2/5/E. Lanc., 2/9/Manch., 2/10/Manch. 2/5/Manch., 2/6/Manch., 2/7/ Manch., 2/8/Manch.	BSqdn.,[6] 2/1/ Bedf. Yeo. 66th Div. Cyclist Coy.[6]	CCCXXX[8] ; [7] (2/I E. Lanc.) [8] ; [4] ; [9] CCCXXXI ... (2/II E. Lanc.) [8] ; [4] ; [10] CCCXXXII ... (2/III E. Lanc.)	A (2/4/Lanc.), B (2/5/Lanc.), C (2/6/Lanc.), D (H.)[8] A (2/15/Lanc.), B (2/16/Lanc.), C (2/17/Lanc.), D (H.) (2/1/Cumbd.) A (2/18/Lanc.), B (2/19/Lanc.), C (2/20/Lanc.), D (H.) (2/2/Cumbd.)	...[11]	...	...	66th D.A.C.[11]	2/1/ E. Lanc. 2/2/ E. Lanc. 2/3/ E. Lanc.	66th	...	...	2/1/ E. Lanc. 2/2/ E. Lanc. 2/3/ E. Lanc.	1/1/[12] E. Lanc.	...	66th
1917 June (France)	197th ..... 198th 199th	3/5/L.F.,[13] 2/6/L.F.,[14] 2/7/ L.F., 2/8/L.F.; 202nd M.G. Coy.;[15] ; [38] 197th T.M. Bty.[16] 2/4/E. Lanc.,[17] 2/5/E. Lanc., 2/9/Manch., 2/10/Manch.;[18] 203rd M.G. Coy.;[15] ; [38] 198th T.M. Bty.[16] 2/5/Manch., 2/6/Manch., 2/7/ Manch., 2/8/Manch.;[19] 204th M.G. Coy.;[15] ; [38] 199th T.M. Bty.[16]	...	CCCXXX ..... CCCXXXI ...	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	X.66[20] Y.66[20] Z.66[20]	V.66[20]	66th D.A.C.[11]	430th[21] (2/1/ E. Lanc.) 431st[21] (2/2/ E. Lanc.) 432nd[21] (2/3/ E. Lanc.)	66th	10/D. C.L.I.[22] (P.)	...	2/1/ E. Lanc. 2/2/ E. Lanc. 2/3/ E. Lanc.	1/1/ E. Lanc.	254th[23]	66th
1918 March (France)	197th[24] ... 198th 199th	6/L.F.,[14] ; [25] 2/7/L.F.,[26] 2/8/ L.F.;[27] 197th T.M. Bty.[28] 4/E. Lanc.,[17] ; [29] 2/5/E. Lanc.,[30] 9/Manch.[31] ; 198th T.M. Bty. 2/5/Manch.,[32] 2/6/Manch.,[33] 2/7/Manch.;[34] 199th T.M. Bty.	...	CCCXXX ..... CCCXXXI ...	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	X.66[35] Y.66[35]	...[36]	66th D.A.C.	430th 431st 432nd	66th	1/5/ Bord.[37] (P.)	No. 66 Bn., M.G.C.[38]	2/1/E. Lanc.[39] 2/2/ E. Lanc. 2/3/ E. Lanc.	1/1/ E. Lanc.	254th	66th
1918 Sept. (France)	198th ..... 199th ..... South African[45]	6/L.F.,[25] 5/R. Innis F.,[40] 6/ R.D.F.;[41] 198th T.M. Bty.[42] 18/King's (Lanc. Hsrs.),[43] 9/ Manch.,[31] 5/Conn. Rang.;[44] 199th T.M. Bty.[42] 1/S.A. Inf.,[45] 2/S.A. Inf.,[45] 4/ S.A. Inf.;[45] S.A.T.M. Bty.[46]	...	CCCXXX[46] ... CCCXXXI[46] ...	A, B, C ; D (H.) A, B, C ; D (H.)	...	...[47]	...	66th [46] ; [48] D.A.C.	430th 431st 432nd	66th	9/Glouc. (P.)[49]	100th[50] (War. & S. Notts. Yeo.) Bn., M.G.C.	2/2/ E. Lanc. 2/3/ E. Lanc. S.A.Fd. Amb.[46]	1/1/ E. Lanc.	254th	66th[51]

After reconstitution

NOTES

1 The Division and the Inf. Bdes. were designated by numbers in August, 1915. (Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.)

2 In April, 1915, 3/5/L.F. replaced 2/5/L.F. in the 2/1/L.F. Bde. (2/5/L.F. was transferred in April, 1915, to 154th (3rd Highld.) Bde., 51st (Highld.) Div. at Bedford, see General Notes).

3 In May, 1916, the designations of the 18-pdr. Bdes. and Bties. were changed, Bdes. were numbered and Bties. lettered; and Bdes. were reconstituted. (18-pdrs. were received in Nov. and Dec., 1915.)

4 On 1/9/15 2/IV (How.) Bde. was reduced to 1 Bty. of 2 guns and an ammn. coln.; but in Dec., 1915, it was again brought up to full establishment of 2 How. Bties. and an Ammn. Coln., and 4.5" hows. arrived. In May, 1916, the How. Bde. was broken up, and the batteries joined CCCXXXI(2/IIE. Lanc.) and CCCXXXII (2/III E. Lanc.) Bdes.

5 In Dec., 1915, the Cos. of the Train were numbered 541, 542, 543, and 544.

6 The Bedford Yeo. and the Cyclist Coy. remained in England.

7 Before leaving England the 18-pdr. Bties. were made up to 6 guns each; and 550(H.)—4, 4.5" hows.—joined and became D (H.). On 7/3/17, R. Sec. of C (H.)/CCLXXXVII arrived from 57th Div. and made D (H.) up to 6 hows.

8 550 (H.)—4, 4.5" hows.—joined CCCXXX in England and became D (H.).

9 Before leaving England the 18-pdr. Bties. were made up to 6 guns each. On 17/3/17 1 sec. of D (H.)/CCCXXXII joined and made D (H.)/CCCXXXI up to 6 hows.

10 Before leaving England C was split up between A and B, to make the 2 batteries up to 6 18-pdrs. each; and C (H.)—4, 4.5" hows.—joined the Bde. On 17/3/17 D (H.) was broken up: 1 sec. joined D (H.)/CCCXXXI, and 1 sec. joined C (H.)/CCCXXXII. In April, 1917, CCCXXXII was broken up: A was transferred to CCXCVIII A.F.A. Bde. on 11/4/17, joined on 12/4/17 and became C/CCXCVIII; B was transferred on 30/4/17 to complete the Composite Bty. with the 1st. Cdn. Div.; C (H.) joined First Army Artillery School, and on 30/5/17 C (H.) joined 49th Div. Arty. (temporarily). Later on the battery was broken up (after 5/6/17).

11 B.A.C.s were abolished and the D.A.C. was reorganized in England. On 15/3/17, after arrival in France, the D.A.C. was reorganized in 2 Sections and B Echelon.

12 Joined in England and went to France with the division.

13 Bn. was broken up on 13/2/18, and drafted to 2/7/L.F. and 2/8/L.F., as well as 19/L.F. (P.) in 49th Div.

14 On 20/2/18 the Bn. amalgamated with 1/6/L.F. from 125th Bde., 42nd Div., and became 6/L.F.

15 202nd joined 66th Div. in England (from 59th Div.) and went to France in March, 1917, with the Div. 203rd left Grantham (for 59th Div.) on 10/3/17; transferred at Fovant on 12/3/17 to 66th Div., and went to France with 66th Div. 204th joined 66th Div. in England and went to France in March, 1917, with the Div.

16 The T.M. Bties. all joined the 66th Div. in England, and went to France with the Div. in Febry. and March, 1917.

17 On 19/2/18 the Bn. amalgamated with 1/4/E. Lanc. from 126th Bde., 42nd Div., and became 4/E. Lanc.

18 Bn. was broken up on 15/2/18, and drafted to 42nd Div.

19 Bn. was broken up on 13/2/18, and drafted to 2/5, 2/6, and 2/7/Manch.

20 The Medium and Heavy T.M. Bties. were formed in Febry., 1917, and went to France in March, 1917, with 66th Div.

21 The Fd. Cos. were numbered in Febry., 1917, before leaving England.

22 The pioneer bn. of the 2nd Div. was attached to 66th Div. from 16/7/17-7/11/17; 10/D.C.L.I.(P.) then rejoined 2nd Div.

23 Formed by 14/7/17.

24 From 9/4/18 the Bde. was reduced to Training Cadre. The 66th Division was reconstituted from 18/9/18, but the 197th Bde. was then left out of the division. Thereafter 197th Bde. was employed until Dec., 1918, in training drafts and reinforcements. (197th Bde. left 66th Div. on 20/9/18.)

25 Bn. was transferred on 22/7/18 to 199th Bde.; on 13/8/18 6/L.F. absorbed 12/L.F. (from 65th Bde., 22nd Div., at Salonika); and on 22/9/18 6/L.F. joined 198th Bde.

26 Bn. left Bde. and moved to England, disembkg. at Folkestone on 30/6/18. Bn. then moved to Aldershot and was attached temporarily to 74th Bde., 25th Div. On 3/7/18 Bn. became 24/L.F., and later on the Bn. was broken up.

27 Bn. was reduced to cadre on 22/4/18; and the Bn. cadre was disbanded and drafted on 31/7/18 to 1/8/L.F. (125th Bde., 42nd Div.).

28 Bty. was broken up in mid-April, 1918; it was reformed on 19/8/18.

29 Bn. was reduced to cadre in April, 1918. Bn. cadre was transferred to 39th Div. Offrs. Training Depot, joined at Calais on 16/8/18, and was posted to 118th Bde. On 16/11/18 Bn. was transferred to 116th Bde.

30 Bn. was reduced to Training Cadre in April, 1918; Bn. cadre was disbanded on 31/7/18, and personnel joined 1/5/E. Lanc. (126th Bde., 42nd Div.).

31 Bn. was reduced to Training Cadre in April, 1918. On 22/7/18 Bn. cadre was transferred to 199th Bde., and on 13/8/18 9/Manch. absorbed 13/Manch. (from 66th Bde., 22nd Div., at Salonika).

32 Bn. was reduced to cadre in April, 1918; Bn. was disbanded on 31/7/18, and cadre joined 1/5/Manch. (127th Bde., 42nd Div.).

33 Bn. was reduced to cadre in April, 1918; Bn. was disbanded on 31/7/18; personnel left for Base and was drafted to 1/6/Manch. (127th Bde., 42nd Div.).

34 Bn. was reduced to cadre in April, 1918; Bn. was disbanded on 31/7/18, and personnel joined 1/7/Manch. (127th Bde., 42nd Div.).

35 The Medium T.M. Bties. were reorganized on 6/2/18: Y was broken up between X and Z, and then Z became Y.

36 On 3/2/18 V was transferred complete to XXII Corps, and was absorbed in XXII Corps H.T.M. Bty.

37 On 12/2/18 the Bn. was transferred as Pioneers to 66th Div. from 151st Bde., 50th Div.; Bn. joined 66th Div. on 13/2/18. On 7/5/18 the Bn. was transferred to 97th Bde., 32nd Div.

38 Bn. was formed on 11/3/18, and consisted of 202nd, 203rd, and 204th M.G. Cos. The Bn. was broken up by 15/4/18.

39 From 22/6/18 the Fd. Amb. was attached to the 27th (Am.) Div., and from 26/9/18 to the 9th Div.

RECONSTITUTED DIVISION

40 Bn. (from 31st Bde., 10th Div., Palestine) left 10th Div. on 28/5/18; left Alexandria on 18/6/18; disembkd. Taranto on 22/6/18; reached Serqueux on 29/6/18; and joined 198th Bde. at Abancourt on 19/7/18.

41 Bn. (from 30th Bde., 10th Div.—Palestine) left 10th Div. on 27/5/18; embkd. Alexandria on 3/7/18; disembkd. Taranto on 8/7/18; reached Serqueux on 15/7/18; and Bn. came under 50th Div. for administration on 18/7/18. Bn. joined 197th Bde., 66th Div., on 21/7/18, and was transferred to 198th Bde. on 10/9/18.

42 The Bde. T.M. Bties. were reformed: 198th by 21/9/18; and 199th on 21/8/18. [197th T.M. Bty., reformed on 19/8/18, went to L. of C. with 197th Bde. on 20/9/18—see note 24.]

43 Bn. (from 89th Bde., 30th Div.) was reduced to training cadre on 14/5/18. Bn. left 30th Div. on 19/6/18 and joined 66th Div.; Bn. joined 197th Bde. on 8/8/18; absorbed 14/King's (from 65th Bde., 22nd Div.—Salonika) on 13/8/18; and, on 19/9/18, 18/King's was transferred to 199th Bde.

44 Bn. (from 29th Bde., 10th Div.—Palestine) left 10th Div. on 29/4/18; embkd. at Port Said on 23/5/18; sailed, 25/5/18; disembkd. Marseille on 1/6/18; reached Aire on 7/6/18, and Bn. was attached to 14th Div., 7/6/18-28/6/18. Bn. moved to Serqueux on 28/6/18, and joined 199th Bde. on 25/8/18.

45 Bde. (complete) left 9th Div. on 13/9/18, and came under VII Corps until 22/9/18. Bde. joined 66th Div. on 23/9/18.

46 66th Div. Arty. only rejoined 66th Div. on 8/11/18 (see General Notes).

47 X and Y (Medium) T.M. Bties. were broken up on 28/4/18, and the mortars were returned to Ordnance Base Depot. The 2 Bties. were not reformed.

48 S.A.A. Sec. of D.A.C. was disbanded on 22/4/18. The S.A.A. Sec. was reformed early in October, 1918.

49 Bn. (from 78th Bde., 26th Div., Salonika) left 26th Div. on 4/7/18, embkd. at Itea on 9/7/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 10/7/18, reached Serqueux on 17/7/18. From 17-21/7/18 the Bn. was administered by 50th Div.; on 21 and 22/7/18 Bn. was transferred to 198th Bde., 66th Div.; and on 22/9/18 Bn. became Pioneer Bn., 66th Div.

50 The War. Yeo. and S. Notts. Hsrs. were amalgamated from 3/4/18 to form a machine-gun Bn. at Bela. The Bn. embkd. at Alexandria on 17/6/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 21/6/18, and reached Etaples on 29/6/18. On 1/7/18 the Bn. was designated B Bn., M.G.C.; and on 19/8/18 B Bn. became 100th (War. and S. Notts. Yeo.) Bn., M.G.C. 100th Bn. was under 12th and 47th Divs. on 5 and 6/9/18; under 58th Div., 7-25/9/18 (with 2 Cos. under 12th Div., 16-25/9/18); under 46th Div., 26/9-1/10/18; under 25th Div., 2-19/10/18; and on 19/10/18 100th Bn. joined 66th Div.

51 541-544 Cos. A.S.C. (541 Coy. rejoined with 66th Div. Arty.—see note 46.)

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IN FRANCE

The following Units and Training Cadres served with the 66th Division :—

Unit	From	Reduced to Training Cadre	Served with 66th Div. From To	Transferred to, Absorbed by, or Disbanded	Notes
18/N.F.	Pioneers, 34th Div.	18/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
23/N.F.	102nd Bde., 34th Div.	17/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
25/N.F.	102nd Bde., 34th Div.	15 & 16/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
14/King's	65th Bde., 22nd Div. (Salonika).	——	23/7 — 13/8/18	Absorbed by 18/King's (199th Bde.—see note 43).	
17/King's	89th Bde., 30th Div.	14/5/18	19/6 — 30/6/18	To England, with 75th Bde., 25th Div.	Transferred on 9/9/18 to 236th Bde. (for N. Russia).
19/King's	89th Bde., 30th Div.	14/5/18	19/6 — 1/8/18	Absorbed by 14/King's (see above).	
2/5/Lincoln	177th Bde., 59th Div.	8/5/18	28/6 — 31/7/18	Absorbed by 1/5/Lincoln (138th Bde., 46th Div).	
10/Lincoln	101st Bde., 34th Div.	18/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
7/Suffolk	35th Bde., 12th Div.	19/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
7/Bedford	54th Bde., 18th Div.	27/5/18	19/6 — 31/7/18	Absorbed by 2/Bedford (54th Bde., 18th Div.).	
6/York.	32nd Bde., 11th Div.	14/5/18	19/6 — 30/6/18	To England with 75th Bde., 25th Div.	Transferred on 9/9/18 to 236th Bde. (for N. Russia).
12/L.F.	65th Bde., 22nd Div. (Salonika).	——	22/7 — 13/8/18	Absorbed by 6/L.F. (198th Bde.—see note 25).	
13/Glouc.	Pioneers, 39th Div.	5 & 6/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
11/Border	97th Bde., 32nd Div.	10/5/18	13/5 — 31/7/18	Absorbed by 1/5/Border (97th Bde., 32nd Div.).	
2/6/S. Staff.	176th Bde., 59th Div.	9/5/18	30/5 — 31/7/18	Absorbed by 1/6/S. Staff. (137th Bde., 46th Div.).	
11/S. Lanc.	Pioneers, 30th Div.	15/5/18	19/6 — 30/6/18	To England with 25th Div.	Bn. returned to France on 7 and 8/10/18, and became Pioneer Bn., 25th Division, on 13/10/18.
10/B.W.	77th Bde., 26th Div. (Salonika).	——	21/7 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	Disbanded on 15/10/18, and drafted.
7/Sher. For.	178th Bde., 59th Div.	7/5/18	15/6 — 15/8/18	To 39th Div.	
16/Sher. For.	117th Bde., 39th Div.	8/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
17/K.R.R.C.	117th Bde., 39th Div.	13/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
13/Manch.	66th Bde., 22nd Div. (Salonika).	——	21/7 — 13/8/18	Absorbed by 9/Manch. (199th Bde.—see note 31).	
17/Manch.	90th Bde., 30th Div.	15/5/18	19/6 — 30/7/18	Absorbed by 13/Manch. (see above).	
2/6/N. Staff.	176th Bde., 59th Div.	9/5/18	7/6 — 31/7/18	Absorbed by 1/6/N. Staff. (137th Bde., 46th Div.).	
14/H.L.I.	120th Bde., 40th Div.	6/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
5/R. Ir. Fus.	31st Bde., 10th Div. (Palestine).	——	23/7 — 24/8/18	To 16th Div.	Absorbed 11/R. Ir. Fus. on 27/8/18, and posted to 48th Bde., 16th Div.
16/R.B.	117th Bde., 39th Div.	13/5/18	16/8 — 20/9/18	To L. of C. with 197th Bde.	
6/Leinster	29th Bde., 10th Div. (Palestine).	——	20/7 — 12/9/18	Disbanded and drafted.	
2/20/London	180th Bde., 60th Div. (Palestine).	——	19/7 — 9/8/18	To 185th Bde., 62nd Div.	
2/24/London	181st Bde., 60th Div. (Palestine).	——	28/7 — 10/9/18	To 173rd Bde., 58th Div.	

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66TH (2ND/EAST LANCASHIRE) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T. F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division). During September and October the artillery, engineers, and infantry (required to form the 2nd/East Lancashire Division) were raised in Manchester and district and in the cotton and colliery towns of Lancashire. In November the brigade and divisional headquarters began to assemble.

After the 1st/East Lancashire Division [42nd Division] embarked for Egypt on the 10th September, 1914, the formation of its 2nd-line division was hurried on despite the small available nucleus, the large number of recruits which were required, and the dearth of trained instructors. Gradually these difficulties were surmounted. The battalions eventually received Japanese rifles, bayonets, and ammunition (600–700 rifles and bayonets, and 180,000 rounds, per battalion). The Japanese rifles were retained until the end of 1915, and then they were replaced by charger-loading Lee-Enfield rifles, together with bayonets and ·303″ ammunition. Shortage of technical equipment was not confined to the infantry. The artillery lacked guns, with modern sights and gears, ammunition wagons, directors, telephones, and harness. Even in August, 1915, no veterinary officer was attached to any of the artillery brigades, and at this time the artillery had 1,373 horses.

On the 10th October, 1914, 2/IV/E. Lanc. (How.) Bde. accompanied 1/IV/E. Lanc. (H.) to Crown Hill (Devon) and 2/IV remained there. (I/IV left on the 17th November, for Newcastle.) On the 10th February, 1915, 2/IV/E. Lanc. (How.) Bde., moved to Southport, on the 23rd May it went to East Grinstead, on the 3rd June the brigade received two 5″ B.L. howitzers and limbers, and on the 5th August the howitzer brigade reached its war station at Plow Hatch (Forest Row).

The preliminary training of the division had been delayed and made more difficult by furnishing drafts of its best men to reinforce its 1st-line division (the 42nd) in Gallipoli, and it was August before the 66th Division effected its concentration at its war stations in Kent and Sussex. The division now formed part of Second Army, Central Force. At this time divisional headquarters, three infantry brigades, and the engineers were at Crowborough, three of the artillery brigades were at Forest Row, and the howitzer brigade and the heavy battery were at Plow Hatch. By the end of this month all the home-service men left the various units, and only those men were retained who had Imperial Service obligations. In October 197th Brigade moved to Tunbridge Wells.

During August, 1915, the three field artillery brigades each received four French 90-m./m. equipments; however, before the end of the year 18-pdr. Q.F. equipments began to arrive, and shortly afterwards the howitzer brigade was issued with 4·5″ howitzers.

In 1916 the 66th Division was transferred to Southern Army, Home Defence Force, and was entrusted with the defence of part of the East Coast. At this time, divisional headquarters, divisional mounted troops, two infantry brigades, the artillery, and the engineers were at Colchester, one infantry brigade was at Wivenhoe, and the heavy batteries (2/1/London and 2/2/London) were at Thorpe le Soken and St. Osyth. Now that it was compactly quartered, the division could soon have been brought to a high state of efficiency had it not been for the provision of large drafts for overseas. To provide even one draft of 250 trained gunners considerably delayed the preparation of the division for war. Consequently it was the 18th January, 1917, before the War Office was able to notify G.H.Q., France, that the 66th Division would embark about the 1st March.

On the 11th February, 1917, embarkation orders were received; and on the 22nd February the 66th Division was inspected at Colchester by H.M. the King. Entrainment began on the 25th, divisional headquarters started on the 28th February, and on the 1st March the division began detraining at Berguette and Thiennes. On the 16th March the move to France was completed, and the division concentrated under XI Corps, First Army.

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Throughout the remainder of the Great War the 66th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations :—

1917

26 June–25 Sept. ... ... **Operations on the Flanders Coast** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].
6–10 October ... ... **BATTLES OF YPRES.**
9 October ... ... **Battle of Poelcappelle** [II Anzac Corps, Second Army].

1918

21–night 30/31 March ... **FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME.**
21–23 March ... ... **Battle of St. Quentin** [XIX Corps, Fifth Army].
24 and 25 March ... ... **Actions at the Somme Crossings** [XIX Corps, Fifth Army].
26 and 27 March ... ... **Battle of Rosières** [XIX Corps, Fifth Army].

When the 66th Division was withdrawn from the front line, 66th Division Artillery remained in action. The artillery did not rejoin 66th Division until the 8th November, during the last days of the Final Advance (see General Notes). Owing to the losses which it had suffered during the Battles of the Somme, the division (less its artillery) was reduced to Training Cadre from the 9th April until the 18th September.

66th Division was then re-formed and reconstituted (see General Notes and Table). On the 20th and 21st September the re-formed division was placed under VIII Corps, First Army, and on the 23rd the South African Infantry Brigade joined the division. Thereafter the reconstituted 66th Division was engaged in the following operations :—

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

8 and 9 October ... ... **Battle of Cambrai** [XIII Corps, Fourth Army].
9–12 October ... ... **Pursuit to the Selle** [XIII Corps, Fourth Army].

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN PICARDY

17–20 October ... ... **Battle of the Selle** [XIII Corps, Fourth Army].

On the night of 20th/21st October the 66th Division was relieved in the front line, and until the 1st November the division rested in the Serain area. On the 2nd November the division began to move forward. The division advanced through le Cateau, and on the 6th it was placed in close support to the 25th Division. On the 7th November 66th Division relieved 25th Division (in the front line of the XIII Corps) and continued the advance on the 8th. For the further pursuit Bethell's Force was formed on the 9th (for composition see General Notes). On the 10th November, after a sharp fight, the South African Infantry Brigade entered Hestrud (on the Belgian Frontier). On the same day 199th Infantry Brigade reached Solre le Château, and on the 11th Bethell's Force continued to advance in Belgium. By 11 a.m. (Armistice) the leading troops of Bethell's Force held a line running from Pont de la République-Grandrieu-east of Sivry-Montbliart. On the right the Force was in touch with French troops at Eppé Sauvage.

On the 14th November 66th Division was transferred from XIII Corps to IX Corps, on the 15th the division was informed that it had been selected to advance to the Rhine, and on the 18th November the march to the Rhine began. The division moved via Philippeville, and Waulsort and Dinant on the Meuse. On the 14th December divisional headquarters reached Ciney, and the division billetted in the area Dinant-Huy-Marche-Rochefort. The advance of the 66th Division then came to an end, and it was still halted in this district when its demobilization began. On the 13th February, 1919, General Botha visited the South African Infantry Brigade at Huy. Demobilization, however, continued daily and gradually the division dwindled. On the 16th March the last unit of the South African Brigade left the division for England ; and at mn. 24th/25th March, 1919, the 66th Division ceased to exist.

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67TH (2ND/HOME COUNTIES) DIVISION

G.O.C.

14 November, 1914	Br.-Gen. C. T. CAULFEILD (acting).
3 January, 1915	Br.-Gen. W. R. CLIFFORD (acting).
20 January, 1915	Major-General J. C. YOUNG.
4 April, 1917 –6 June, 1919	Major-General Hon. C. E. BINGHAM.

G.S.O. 1.

14 Nov., 1914	Major F. M. CARLETON (acting).
4 May, 1915	Colonel P. S. MARLING, V.C.
3 Sept., 1915	Lt.-Col. C. P. HIGGINSON.
28 May, 1916	Lt.-Col. H. D. FARQUHARSON.
22 June, 1916	Lt.-Col. H. I. NICHOLL.
6 Mar., 1918	Lt.-Col. W. S. WHETHERLY.
9 July, 1918	Lt.-Col. P. S. ALLAN.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

14 Nov., 1914	Lt.-Col. R. H. L. WARNER.
20 Jan., 1915	Captain H. W. GRUBB (acting).
11 June, 1915	Colonel S. D. GORDON.
5 Aug., 1916	Lt.-Col. C. J. PICKERING.
11 July, 1918	Lt.-Col. K. H. BRUCE.

B.-G., R.A.

14 Nov., 1914	Br.-Gen. C. T. CAULFEILD.
7 Jan., 1915	Major J. W. M. NEWTON (acting).
21 April, 1915	Colonel J. W. M. NEWTON.
14 Jan., 1916	Br.-Gen. W. H. SUART.
18 April, 1916	Colonel L. GRAHAM.
25 May, 1916	Colonel H. E. STOCKDALE.
7 July, 1916	Br.-Gen. H. E. STOCKDALE.
7 Nov., 1917	Br.-Gen. R. F. FOX.
16 June, 1918 –8 Jan., 1919	Br.-Gen. W. A. M. THOMPSON.

C.R.E.

12 Dec., 1914	Lt.-Col. E. G. HALES.
23 April, 1917	Lt.-Col. R. H. MACKENZIE.

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200th BDE.

(2nd/1st Surrey)

12 Nov., '14...Br.-Gen. J. MARRIOTT.
27 June, '15...Br.-Gen. J. H. CAMPBELL.
5 Jan., '16...Lt.-Col. W. A. GILLETT (acting).
12 Jan., '16...Br.-Gen. J. MARRIOTT.
17 April, '17 –24 Feb., '18 } Br.-Gen. E. H. GORGES.

(The 200th Inf. Bde. was demobilized in Feb., 1918.)

201st BDE.

(2nd/1st Middlesex)

30 Oct., '14...Br.-Gen. W. R. CLIFFORD.
22 Feb., '15...Br.-Gen. A. W. TAYLOR.
18 Oct., '15...Lt.-Col. E. O. EATON (acting).
24 Oct., '15...Lt.-Col. J. C. WORTHINGTON (acting).
25 Nov., '15...Br.-Gen. E. H. MOLESWORTH (sick, 23/2/16).
23 Feb., '16...Lt.-Col. J. C. WORTHINGTON (acting).
14 April, '16...Br.-Gen. C. L. MACNAB.
28 May, '16...Colonel C. P. HIGGINSON.
7 July, '16...Br.-Gen. C. P. HIGGINSON.
27 Oct., '16...Br.-Gen. A. BLAIR.
26 Feb., '17...Br.-Gen. M. L. MACEWEN.
18 April, '17...Br.-Gen. E. D. WHITE.
22 May, '18 –31 Mar., '19 } Br.-Gen. R. K. WALSH.

214th BDE.

(On 12/2/18 the 214th Inf. Bde. was transferred from the 71st Div. to the 67th Div.).
[8 Nov., '17] Br.-Gen. L. A. E. PRICE-DAVIES, V.C.
8 April, '18...Br.-Gen. A. G. PRITCHARD.
5 July, '18...Br.-Gen. F. W. TOWSEY.

202nd BDE.

(2nd/1st Kent)

30 Oct., '14...Br.-Gen. L. COMBE.
25 Feb., '18...Br.-Gen. E. H. GORGES.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units belonged to the 2nd/Home Counties Division, but they served in the field with other divisions or garrisons :—

INFANTRY :—2/4/Queen's, joined 160th (Welsh Border) Inf. Bde., 53rd (Welsh) Division, on 24/4/15. The Bn. served with the Div. in Gallipoli, Egypt, and Palestine. On 31/5/18 the Bn. left 160th Bde., embkd. at Alexandria on 15/6/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 21/6/18, arrived at Proven on 29/6/18, and joined 101st Bde., 34th Division, on 30/6/18. The Bn. served on the Western Front with the 34th Division for the remainder of the Great War.

2/4/Q.O.R.W.K., joined 160th (Welsh Border) Inf. Bde., 53rd (Welsh) Division, on 24/4/15. The Bn. served with the Div. in Gallipoli, Egypt, and Palestine. The Bn. left 160th Bde. on 25/8/18, and thereafter was employed on repair of roads, etc.

2/7/Midd'x., raised in Aug., 1914, and recruited up to strength in a few weeks. Bn. went to Gibraltar on 1/2/15, and arrived on 7/2/15. Bn. left Gibraltar on 23/8/15 and joined the garrison in Egypt. Bn. left Alexandria on 9/5/16 for France, disembkd. at Marseille on 15/5/16, and left Marseille on 13/6/16. Bn. was disbanded. (After Bn. was disbanded, 3/7/Middx. (in 201st Bde.) became 2/7/Middx.—see Table).

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2/10/Midd'x., joined 160th (Welsh Border) Inf. Bde., 53rd (Welsh) Division, on 24/4/15. The Bn. served with the Div. in Gallipoli, Egypt, and Palestine. On 19/8/18 the Bn. left 160th Bde., and the Bn. moved back to El Qantara. The Bn. was then broken up for drafts.

The following also served with the 67th Division :—

226th Mixed Brigade (Br.-Gen. Hon. C. G. Fortescue, until 11/3/18, then Br.-Gen, B. C. M. Carter) from 12/2/18 (transferred from 71st Div.).

ARTILLERY :—XLIX Bde., R.F.A. (2 batteries) joined with 214th Inf. Bde. on 12/2/18. XLIX was disbanded by 25/3/18.

1/1/Home Counties (Kent) Hy. Bty. (4, 4·7″ guns), from 30/10/14–17/11/15. Bty. left to equip for overseas. Bty. disembkd. at le Havre on 29/12/15, and joined XVI H.A. Bde. on 31/12/15.

2/1/Home Counties (Kent) Hy. Bty., became a separate unit from 26/12/14. On 10/1/16 Bty. received 4, 4·7″ guns, and on 7/2/16 passed on 2 to 2/1/London Hy. Bty. In Septr., 1916, 2/1/Kent Hy. Bty., at Mundesley, was attached to 4th Provisional Bde. In Nov., 1918, the Hy. Bty., still at Mundesley, was attached to 224th Mixed Bde. (H.Q., North Walsham).

2/2/Lancashire Hy. Bty., at Upstreet Camp and Minster, from Septr., 1916–Aug., 1917. From Jany., 1918, the Hy. Bty. was at Minster, attached to the Kent Force.

2/1/London Hy. Bty., at Great Bentley, was transferred on 12/2/18 from 71st Div. to 67th Div., and served with 67th Div. until Dec., 1918.

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2/1/South Midland (Warwickshire) Hy. Bty., at Ramsgate and Sandwich, from Septr., 1916–Aug., 1917. In Nov., 1918, the Hy. Bty. was at Wingham, attached to the Kent Force.

130 Heavy Battery, R.G.A., (4, 60-pdrs.), was attached, to 67th Div., from 19/11/15–7/2/16. 130 Hy. Bty. then went to Egypt and disembkd. at Alexandria on 20/2/16. 130 Hy. Bty. embkd. at Alexandria (for France) on 8/4/16, disembkd. at Marseille on 15/4/16, and 130 Hy. Bty. came into action in the Fourth Army Area, at Meaulte, on 25/5/16.

CYCLISTS :—2/1/Kent Cyclist Bn., at Folkestone, from May–Aug., 1917. During the Great War 2/1/Kent Cyclist Bn. remained in England. In March, 1918, the Bn. was attached to the Cyclist Division, and the Bn. served with this division until the Armistice. In Nov., 1918, 2/1/Kent was stationed at Folkestone.

GRADUATED BATTALIONS OF THE TRAINING RESERVE :—

280 Bn., from 1/10/17, in 201st Bde. ;
285 Bn., from 1/10/17, in 202nd Bde.
} On 27/10/17 these 2 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations (see note 24).

OTHER UNITS :—67th Sanitary Section, from 5/6/16–end of 1918 ; and
67th Motor Ambulance Workshop, until it was absorbed by the Train in 1916.

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67TH[1] (2ND/HOME COUNTIES) DIVISION

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1915 November (England)	200th[1]; [2] (2nd/1st Surrey) 201st[1]; [2] (2nd/1st Midd'x.) 202nd[1]; [2] (2nd/1st Kent)	3/4/Queen's, 2/5/Queen's, 2/5/E. Surr., 2/6/E. Surr. 3/7/Midd'x., 3/8/Midd'x., 2/9/Midd'x., 3/10/Midd'x. 2/4/Buffs, 2/5/Buffs, 3/4/Q.O.R.W.K., 2/5/Q.O.R.W.K.	67th (2nd/1st/Home Cties.) Div. Cyclist Coy.[5]	2nd/I Home Counties 2nd/II Home Counties 2nd/III Home Counties 1st/IV Home[4] Counties (H.)	2/1/Sussex, 2/2/Sussex, 2/3/Sussex. 2/4/Sussex, 2/5/Sussex, 2/6/Sussex. 2/1/Kent, 2/2/Kent, 2/3/Kent. 1/4/Kent (H.), 1/5/Kent (H.)	2nd/I Home Counties 2nd/II Home Counties 2nd/III Home Counties 1st/IV Home Counties (H.)	...	...	...	1/3/ Home[5] Counties 2/1/ Home[6] Counties 2/2/ Home[7] Counties	67th[8] (2nd/1/ Home Counties)	...	...	2/1/ Home[12] Counties 2/2/ Home[12] Counties 2/3/ Home[12] Counties	67th (2/1/ Home Counties)	...	67th[9] (2nd/1/ Home Counties)
1916 May (England)	200th..... 201st ..... 202nd.....	3/4/Queen's, 2/5/Queen's, 2/5/E. Surr., 2/6/E. Surr. 3/7/Midd'x., 3/8/Midd'x., 2/9/Midd'x., 3/10/Midd'x. 2/4/Buffs, 2/5/Buffs, 3/4/Q.O.R.W.K., 2/5/Q.O.R.W.K.	67th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXXXV[10] (2nd/I Home Counties) CCCXXXVI[10] (2nd/II Home Counties) CCCXXXVII[10] (2nd/III Home Counties) CCCXXXVIII (H.)[11] (2nd/IV Home Counties)	A, B, C A, B, C A, B, C A (H.), B (H.)	CCCXXXV B.A.C. CCCXXXVI B.A.C. CCCXXXVII B.A.C. CCCXXXVIII (H.) B.A.C.	...	...	67th D.A.C. (2nd/1/ Home Cties.)	1/3/ Home Counties 2/1/ Home Counties 2/2/ Home Counties	67th	...	...	3/1/ Home[12] Counties 3/2/ Home[12] Counties 3/3/ Home[12] Counties	67th	...	67th
1916 October (England)	200th..... 201st ..... 202nd.....	3/4/Queen's,[13] 2/5/Queen's, 2/5/E. Surr., 2/6/E. Surr. 2/7/Midd'x., 2/8/Midd'x., 2/9/Midd'x., 3/10/Midd'x.[14] 2/4/Buffs, 2/5/Buffs, 3/4/Q.O.R.W.K.,[15] 2/5/Q.O.R.W.K.	1 Sqdn., 2/1/ North'ts. Yeo. 67th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXXXV[18] CCCXXXVI CCCXXXVII	A, B, C; D (H.)[11] A, B, C; D (H.)[11] A, B, C	...	...	...	67th D.A.C.	1/3/ Home Counties 2/1/ Home Counties 2/2/ Home Counties	67th	...	...	3/1/ Home Counties 3/2/ Home Counties 3/3/ Home Counties	67th	...	67th
1917 June (England)	200th..... 201st ..... 202nd.....	2/5/Queen's, 2/5/E. Surr., 2/6/E. Surr., 1/4/N. Staff.;[17] 200th T.M. Bty. 2/7/Midd'x., 2/8/Midd'x., 2/9/Midd'x., 1/4/S. Staff.;[17] 201st T.M. Bty. 2/4/Buffs, 2/5/Buffs, 2/5/Q.O.R.W.K., 1/1/R. Guern. L.I.[18]	1 Sqdn., 2/1/ North'ts. Yeo. 67th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXXXVI... CCCXXXVII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	67th D.A.C.	492nd (1/3/ Home Counties) 493rd (2/1/ Home Counties) 494th (2/2/ Home Counties)	67th	...	...	3/1/ Home Counties 3/2/ Home Counties 3/3/ Home Counties	67th	...	67th

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1917 September (England)	200th..... 201st ..... 202nd.....	2/5/Queen's, 2/5/E. Surr., 2/6/E. Surr., 1/4/N. Staff.,[19] 276th Bn.,[20]; [24] 277th Bn.,[20]; [24] 278th Bn.[20]; [24] 2/7/Midd'x., 2/9/Midd'x., 1/4/S. Staff.,[21] 281st Bn.,[20]; [24] 282nd Bn.[20]; [24] 2/4/Buffs, 2/5/Buffs, 2/5/Q.O. R.W.K., 1/1/R. Guern. L.I.,[22] 284th Bn.,[20]; [24] 286th Bn.[20]; [24]	67th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXXXVI[23] CCCXXXVII[23]	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	67th D.A.C.	492nd 493rd 494th	67th	...	...	3/1/ Home Counties 3/2/ Home Counties 3/3/ Home Counties	67th	...	67th
1917 December (England)	200th[51] ... 201st ..... 202nd.....	52/N.F. (G.),[24] 52/W. York. (G.),[24] 52/Sher. For. (G.),[24] 2/1/Camb.[25] 52/S.W.B. (G.),[24] 51/Hants. (G.),[24] 52/Hants. (G.),[24] 2/7/Essex[26] 2/5/Suff.,[27] 51/K.R.R.C. (G.),[24] 52/K.R.R.C. (G.),[24] 52/Gord. H. (G.)[24]	67th Coy., A.C.C.	XII[28]..... XLIII[28]	1203, 1204, 1207; D (H.) 1212, A, B; D (H.)	...	...	...	67th D.A.C.	492nd[29] 493rd 494th 645th[30] (W. Lanc.)	67th	...	...	316th (3/1/ Home Counties) 317th (3/2/ Home Counties) 318th (3/3/ Home Counties)	67th	...	67th
1918 April (England)	201st ..... 202nd..... 214th[51] ...	52/S.W.B. (G.), 51/Hants. (G.), 52/Hants. (G.), 51/R. B. (G.)[52] 51/K.R.R.C. (G.), 52/K.R.R. C. (G.), 52/Gord. H. (G.), 52/R.B.(G.)[53] 2/1/War. Yeo. (Cyclists),[54] 2/1/Herts. Yeo. (Cyclists),[54] 16/Queen's,[54] 2/7/D.L.I.,[54] 252nd M.G. Coy.,[55] 253rd M.G. Coy.[55]	67th Coy., A.C.C.	XII ..... XLIII	1203, 1204, 1207; D (H) 1212, A, B; D (H.)	...	...	...	67th D.A.C.	493rd 494th 645th	67th	...	...	302nd[56] 316th 317th 318th	67th	...	67th
1918 August (England)	201st ..... 202nd..... 214th.....	52/S.W.B. (G.), 51/Hants. (G.), 52/Hants. (G.), 51/R.B. (G.) 51/K.R.R.C. (G.), 52/K.R.R. C. (G.), 52/Gord. H. (G.), 52/R.B. (G.) 2/1/War. Yeo. (Cyclists),[57] 2/1/Herts. Yeo. (Cyclists),[57] 16/Queen's,[58] 2/7/D.L.I.[59]	67th Coy., A.C.C.	XII ..... XLIII	1203, 1204, 1207; D (H.) 1212, A, B; D (H.)	...	...	...	67th D.A.C.	493rd 494th 645th	67th	...	...	316th 317th 318th	67th	...	67th
1918 December (England)	201st ..... 202nd..... 214th.....	52/S.W.B. (G.), 51/Hants. (G.), 52/Hants. (G.), 51/R.B. (G.) 51/K.R.R.C. (G.), 52/K.R.R. C. (G.), 52/Gord. H. (G.), 52/R.B. (G.) 1/4/Buffs,[40] 51/Ches. (G.),[41] 52/Ches. (G.),[41] 1/4/R. W.F.[40]	67th Coy., A.C.C.	XII ..... XLIII	1203, 1204, 1207; D (H.) 1212, A, B; D (H.)	...	...	...	67th D.A.C.	493rd 494th 645th	67th	...	...	316th 317th 318th	67th	...	67th

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NOTES

1 In the middle of August, 1915, the Home Counties 2nd-line Division and Infantry Brigades were given numbers. (Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1., of 10/8/15.)

2 The Bdes. were formed late in October, 1914, after the 1st-line Bdes. left for India. The Bdes. concentrated in Nov., 1914.

3 Formation of Coy. was ordered on 30/7/15. The Coy. formed at Brighton in Septr., 1915, and by 8/11/15 it had recruited up to full strength. From 27/11-16/12/15 the Coy. was employed on Coast Defence; and on 20/12/15 the Coy. joined 67th Div. at Hildenborough.

4 The Bde. remained in England when the 44th (Home Counties) Div. went to India in Oct., 1914; and the Bde. assisted in the formation of the 27th D.A.C., which went to France on 21/12/14. In June, 1915, the Bde. joined 67th Div. On 22/12/15 the Bde. left the 67th Div., to prepare for overseas, and on 10/3/16 1/IV Home Counties (H.) Bde. (2 Bties., 8, 4·5" hows.) disembkd. at le Havre, and it was attached to the Fourth Army. On 18/7/16 the Bde. joined R.N. Div., and on 31/7/16 was numbered CCXXIII.

5 Coy. formed at Newhaven on 21/8/15; it joined 67th Div. at Southborough on 6/11/15.

6 Coy. was formed at Brighton and Eastbourne.

7 Coy. was formed at Hastings in Oct., 1914.

8 Coy. was formed at Brighton; and on 19/1/16 Nos. 2, 3, and 4 Bde. Secs. were detached and joined their Inf. Bdes.

9 The Cos. of the Train came into existence as separate units between late in Septr. and late in Nov., 1914. By 10/11/15 the Cos. had been numbered 545, 546, 547, and 548 Cos., A.S.C.

10 12, 18-pdr. Q.F. were received by each Bde. between 11-13/1/16. In May, 1916, the Bdes. were numbered and the batteries were lettered A, B, and C in each brigade.

11 The 2nd-line howitzer brigade joined the 67th Div. on 23/12/15 at Seal. On 28/1/16 the Bde. received 8, 5" B.L. Hows. from 1/IV Home Cties. (H.) Bde. In May, 1916, the Bde. was numbered and the batteries were lettered A (H.) and B (H.). The Bde. was broken up in 1916, and the two batteries were transferred to CCCXXXV and CCCXXXVI.

12 The 3 2nd-line Fd. Ambces. left the Div. and joined the 58th Div. in England on 22/2/16, went to France in Jany., 1917, with the 58th Div., and served with the 58th Div. on the Western Front for the remainder of the War. After the departure of the 2nd-line Fd. Ambces., the 3rd-line Fd. Ambces. joined the 67th Div.

13 Bn. went to France and disembkd. at le Havre on 1/6/17. Bn. was attached to 1st S.A. Bde., 9th Div., 6/6-23/7/17; then served with the 12th Div., 23/7-8/8/17; and joined 62nd Bde., 21st Div. on 9/8/17. Bn. was disbanded between 2-11/2/18.

14 Bn. went to France and disembkd. at le Havre on 1/6/17. Bn. joined 1st S.A. Bde., 9th Div., on 6/6/17; was transferred to 4th Div. on 23/7/17; and joined 10th Bde., 4th Div., on 2/8/17. Left 4th Div. on 8/2/18 to be broken up, but Bn. became 11th Entrenching Bn. on 20/2/18.

15 Bn. went to France and disembkd. at le Havre on 1/6/17. Bn. was attached to 1st S.A. Bde., 9th Div., on 7/6/17, and to 103rd Bde., 34th Div., on 18/6/17, Bn. was transferred to 51st Bde., 17th Div., on 22/6/17. Bn. became Pioneers 9/7-3/8/17, and then joined 52nd Bde., 17th Div., Bn. was disbanded between 1-28/2/18.

16 In 1917 the Bde. was broken up to complete CCCXXXVI and CCCXXXVII.

17 These 2 Special Reserve Bns. had previously been in a Composite Inf. Bde. in the Northern Command.

18 This Channel Islands Militia Bn. joined by May, 1917.

19 Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 7/10/17, and was attached to 56th Div., 11/10-9/11/17. On 15/11/17 Bn. joined 106th Bde., 35th Div.; and on 3/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 105th Bde., 35th Div.

20 These 7 battalions were Graduated Battalions of the Training Reserve. They served with the Div.: 284th and 286th from 17/9/17; and the others from 24/9/17.

21 Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 10/10/17, and joined 7th Bde., 25th Div., on 13/10/17. Bn. joined Composite Bde., 25th Div., on 22/6/18, and was transferred on 25/6/18 (with Comp. Bde.) to 50th Div. Bn. left 50th Div. on 7/7/18; and on 11/7/18 Bn. was reduced to Training Cadre. Bn. reached Etaples on 16/8/18, and joined 116th Bde., 39th Div., on 16/8/18. Bn. was demobilized, 6-8/11/18.

22 Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 27/9/17, and joined 86th Bde., 29th Div., on 2/10/17. Bn. was transferred on 27/4/18 to G.H.Q. Troops.

23 The Bdes. ceased to belong to 67th Div. after 19/11/17.

24 The 7 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve (see note 20) were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations from 27/10/17. The other 2 Graduated Bns. joined by 1/10/17 (see General Notes).

25 Transferred from 207th Bde., 69th Div., on 8/10/17.

26 Transferred from 206th Bde., 69th Div., on 10/10/17.

27 Transferred from 208th Bde., 69th Div., on 28/9/17.

28 These 2 Bdes. served with the Div. from 26/11/17. (XII(How.) Bde. had served with the 6th Div.; this How. Bde. was broken up in France on 12/5/16. XLIII(How.) Bde. had served with the 1st Div.; this How. Bde. was broken up in France on 22/5/16.) 1203, 1204, 1207, and 1212 Bties. had been, until 1/1/17, 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 10th Provl. Fd. Bties.

29 Left the Div. on 26/10/17 and joined 71st Div.

30 Joined on 26/10/17 from 71st Div.

31 214th Bde. (from 71st Div.) joined on 12/2/18, and took the place of the 200th Bde. The 200th Bde. was then demobilized.

32 Transferred from 206th Bde., 69th Div., in Febry., 1918.

33 Transferred from 207th Bde., 69th Div., on 22/2/18.

34 These 2 Bns. and the 2 Cyclist Bns. joined with 214th Bde. (from 71st Div.) on 12/2/18.

35 These 2 Home-Service M.G. Cos. joined with 214th Bde. (from 71st Div.) on 12/2/18.

36 This Fd. Ambce. was transferred from 71st Div., (with 214th Bde.), and it was then broken up.

37 The 2 Cyclist Bns. left the Div. by 2/9/18.

38 Bn. left the Div. by 28/10/18.

39 Bn. left the Div. by 23/9/18. On 7/10/18 Bn. went to N. Russia as a Garr. Bn., and joined the Archangel Force.

40 These 2 Special Reserve Bns. joined the Div. by 28/10/18.

41 These 2 Graduated Bns. had previously served in the 194th and 196th Bdes., 65th Div. After the 65th Div. was disbanded in March, 1918, these 2 Bns. remained at the Curragh until 25/11/18; they then came to England and joined 214th Bde. by 2/12/18.

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67TH (2ND/HOME COUNTIES) DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division). In most cases 2nd-line divisions and brigades were not given staffs, or formed, until early in 1915. The formation, however, of the 2nd-line Home Counties Division was expedited, on account of the 1st-line Home Counties Division having embarked for India on the 30th October, 1914.

Whereas some of the 2nd-line Home Counties units did not begin to form until immediately after the departure of the 1st-line units for India, other units were raised in September, 1914. In fact on the 22nd October (8 days before the 1st-line division sailed) the parade state of the 2nd/1st Middlesex Infantry Brigade showed a strength of 114 officers and 4,038 other ranks. Officers and men of the 1st-line artillery brigades and infantry battalions, who remained at home, joined the sister 2nd-line unit which was forming in England. The 1st-line infantry brigade staffs remained in being, pending the formation of the 2nd-line division.

On the 14th November Br.-Gen. C. T. Caulfeild received orders to report at Eastern Command Headquarters (Horse Guards, Whitehall), and he was then directed to form the 2nd/Home Counties Division and concentrate it in the country round Windsor. In pursuance of these orders, Br.-Gen. Caulfeild sent Br.-Gen. J. Marriott to arrange the billeting areas—one brigade was placed at Staines, and another at Ascot and Sunninghill. By the 20th November all moves were completed and the division was settled in billets in the Windsor area. On the 27th November the division was inspected and was reported fit to receive rifles.

Major-General J. C. Young (accompanied by Captain H. W. Grubb) went out in command of the 1st Home Counties Division during the voyage to India. On arrival in India Major-General Young handed over the Home Counties units and then (accompanied by Captain Grubb) returned to England. Major-General Young and Captain Grubb reached England on the 22nd December, 1914, and on the 20th January, 1915, General Young assumed command of the 2nd/Home Counties Division.

Training for war was hampered and complicated by the lack of up-to-date arms and equipment. In addition, in July, 1915, the units had to be re-organized, as the home-service men were drafted to home-service units, since all the 2nd-line units were liable for service overseas. Further the system of relying on local tradesmen to hold sufficient stocks of essential stores naturally broke down in the emergency of a general mobilization. To give a common example: there was at first a general shortage of blankets. The shortage caused a good deal of discomfort, as many men had to be billeted in halls and unoccupied buildings. This particular deficiency would have been overcome at once, had an arrangement been in force for each man to bring 2 blankets with him on joining.

The earliest rifles, obtainable in any numbers by the infantry, were the Japanese ·256″ rifles; at the same time the artillery had to rely on the 90-mm. French guns. It is true that a few 15-pdrs. were on charge, but there was no ammunition for them. Even as late as September, 1915, the B.-G., R.A. had to report that, on an emergency, he could only turn out one 90-mm. battery in each field-gun brigade, the howitzer brigade had neither howitzers nor ammunition, and the 2nd-line heavy battery was without guns. Up to the end of June, 1915, the divisional train was short of horses and transport, and it possessed no rifles. At the end of November, however, the infantry received ·303″ Mk. I Lee-Enfield rifles (pattern 1890) and a half-issue of bayonets.

With the opening of 1916 things slowly began to mend. Before the middle of January, 36, 18-pdrs. (each with 100 rounds of ammunition) arrived for the three gun-brigades, although some time elapsed before telescopic sights were received. By the end of the month 8, 5″ howitzers were issued to the howitzer brigade; no sights, however, could be provided. At about the same time the heavy battery obtained 2, 4·7″ guns, but dial

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sights, aiming posts, handspikes, and drag-ropes were still lacking; and in February the artillery was 817 men and 716 horses below establishment. It was still difficult to carry out the serious training of the division for war.

In the meantime the division had been assembled. In November, 1915, it formed part of Second Army, Central Force, and was quartered as follows: Divisional headquarters and 201st Brigade at Sevenoaks, 200th Brigade at Reigate and Redhill, 202nd Brigade and two field companies at Tonbridge; cyclist company at Brighton; artillery brigades at Westerham, Brasted, Riverhead, and Seal; heavy battery (2/1st Kent) at Ightham; and the remaining field company at Southborough.

During 1915, 1916, and 1917 the division was occupied in recruiting, training, supplying drafts to oversea units, and in addition it formed part of the mobile force responsible for Home Defence. Twice the division was ordered to be ready to proceed to Ireland, and in April, 1917, it was ordered to prepare for service in France. However, neither move materialized, and for the whole of the Great War the division served in various stations in England.

In September, 1916, the division (then in the Southern Army) had its headquarters at Canterbury, with the infantry brigades in camps: 200th at Westbere and Gore Street, 201st at Bourne Park and Barham, and 202nd at Scotland Hills and Old Park. Mounted troops were at Canterbury, field artillery at Canterbury, Patrixbourne, and Wingham, the two heavy batteries (2/1st Warwickshire and 2/2nd Lancashire) at Northbourne and Upstreet, and the engineers at Broomfield, Preston, and Northbourne. Throughout the summer of 1917 much the same distribution was maintained; but the field artillery was now concentrated at Canterbury, and the two attached heavy batteries were at Eastry and Minster.

Between September and the end of 1917 the infantry of the Division was completely reorganized (see Table), and in February, 1918, 200th Infantry Brigade was replaced by 214th Brigade (from the 71st Division).* In this way the division lost its territorial association, and thenceforward it was known as 67th Division. During the winter the division joined XXIII Corps (headquarters at Brentwood) and was quartered as follows: Headquarters and two infantry brigades at Colchester, with the other brigade at Ipswich; cyclists and two attached heavy batteries at Great Bentley; field artillery brigades at Colchester and Ipswich; and engineers at Colchester and Driffield. Until the end of the War the 67th Division maintained the same stations, and the division remained in XXIII Corps. Corps headquarters shifted to Bury St. Edmunds before the end of September, 1918.

In December, 1918, 214th Brigade was reorganized (see Table). The division still occupied the same stations around Colchester and continued to do so for the remainder of its existence. By the end of February, 1919, the strength of the division had shrunk to 14,095 (nearly 2,500 below establishment), and in March the artillery and engineers began disbandment. By the 10th the strength of the division had decreased to 9,168; and by the 17th March, 1919, the 67th Division disappeared from the Weekly Return of the Army at Home.

* In Oct., 1917, 214th Bde. had been formed into a Special Bde. so as to be available for service in Murmansk. For this purpose the Bde. had been filled up with A.1 men, and an artillery brigade (XLIX), signal section, two cyclist battalions, and two machine-gun companies had also been attached to it. Actually 214th Bde. never went to Murmansk, and the A.1 men were all drafted to the Western Front in March, 1918, to assist in replacing the casualties incurred during that month's fighting.

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68TH (2ND/WELSH) DIVISION

G.O.C.

23 January, 1915	Br.-Gen. R. B. MAINWARING.
15 November, 1915	Major-General A. E. SANDBACH.
14 February, 1916	Major-General R. N. R. READE.
1 December, 1917 –15 April, 1919	Major-General E. M. PERCEVAL.

G.S.O. 1.

26 Mar., 1915	Captain G. G. WHIFFIN (acting).
25 Sept., 1915	Lt.-Col. F. J. MOBERLY.
17 May, 1916	Lt.-Col. Sir T. A. A. M. CUNINGHAME, BT.
20 Oct., 1917	Lt.-Col. A. W. TUFNELL.
15 Oct., 1918 –4 Feb., 1919	Lt.-Col. K. M. LAIRD.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

25 Jan., 1915	Major W. R. B. PEYTON (acting.)
20 Sept., 1915	Lt.-Col. S. FREWEN.
19 April, 1917	Lt.-Col. R. Q. CRAUFURD.
15 Nov., 1917 –30 April, 1919	Lt.-Col. H. B. DES V. WILKINSON.

B.-G., R.A.

23 Jan., 1915	Colonel R. A. G. HARRISON.
14 Jan., 1916	Colonel Sir G. V. THOMAS, BT.
17 April, 1916	Colonel F. A. G. Y. ELTON.
7 July, 1916	Br.-Gen. F. A. G. Y. ELTON.
21 April, 1917	Br.-Gen. D. G. PRINSEP.
21 Dec., 1917	Br.-Gen. W. H. KAY.
23 May, 1918	Br.-Gen. S. LUSHINGTON.

C.R.E.

9 April, 1915	Lt.-Col. W. H. FORDE.
Nov., 1917	Major E. H. FAWCKNER (acting).
16 May, 1918 –6 Feb., 1919	Lt.-Col. E. H. FAWCKNER.

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203rd BDE.

(2nd/1st N. Wales)

29 Jan., '15...Col. J. H. A. ANDERSON.
23 Feb., '16...Col. H. L. RICHARDSON.
7 July, '16...Br.-Gen. H. L. RICHARDSON.
14 May, '18...Br.-Gen. T. N. S. M. HOWARD.

204th BDE.

(2nd/1st Cheshire)

6 Jan., '15...Col. HERVEY TALBOT.
19 Feb., '16...Col. H. S. SLOMAN.
7 July, '16...Br.-Gen. H. S. SLOMAN.
2 Sept., '18 – 1 April, '19 } Br.-Gen. W. W. SEYMOUR.

205th BDE.

(2nd/1st Welsh Border)

6 Jan., '15...Col. C. E. CURLL (invalided, 16/9/15).
16 Sept., '15...Lt.-Col. A. B. HOPPS (acting).
11 Oct., '15...Col. C. J. MARKHAM.
7 July, '16...Br.-Gen. C. J. MARKHAM.
15 Mar., '17...Br.-Gen. G. H. NICHOLSON.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units belonged to the 2nd/Welsh Division, but they served with other divisions in the field :—

2/1/Welsh Fd. Coy. The Fd. Coy. was raised at Carmarthen and Llanelly between 21/9–4/11/14, and joined the 2nd/Welsh Div. The Fd. Coy. left England on 4/10/15, disembarked at Suvla on 24/10/15, and was attached to IX Corps. On 2/12/15 the Fd. Coy. joined 53rd (Welsh) Div. at Lala Baba. The Fd. Coy. served with the 53rd Div. for the remainder of the War, and in 1917 it was numbered 437th Fd. Coy.

2/1/Cheshire Fd. Coy. The Fd. Coy. was raised at Birkenhead in 1914, and joined the 2nd/Welsh Div. In July, 1915, the Fd. Coy. joined the 53rd (Welsh) Div. at Bedford, and it embarked with the division for Gallipoli. The Fd. Coy. landed at Suvla on 9/8/15. In 1917 the Fd. Coy. was numbered 439th Fd. Coy., and it served with the 53rd Div. until, at Ramle, on 9/4/18, the Fd. Coy. was transferred to the 74th (Yeomanry) Division. The 439th Fd. Coy. then served with the 74th Div. for the remainder of the War.

The following Units also served with the 68th Division :—

ARTILLERY :—53rd Div. Artillery—Br.-Gen. W. A. Macbean—**(I Welsh (How.) Bde., II Welsh Bde., Cheshire Bde., IV Welsh Bde., and 53rd D.A.C.).** After the 53rd Div. left for Gallipoli in July, 1915, the 53rd Div. Artillery remained at Bedford and was attached to the 2nd/Welsh Div. from 14/7–19/10/15. In Oct., 1915, the batteries were rearmed with 4·5″ hows. and 18-pdrs. On 20/11/15 the 53rd Div. Arty. proceeded overseas (via France) to rejoin its own Division ; and it rejoined 53rd Div., in Egypt, between 11–22/2/16. (On 24/11/15 Br.-Gen. A. H. Short became B.-G., R.A., 53rd D.A.).

1128 Battery, R.F.A., was attached to the 68th Div. in May, 1917, and it remained until after August, 1917.

1/1/Welsh (Caernarvonshire) Hy. Bty., R.G.A., T.F. This Hy. Bty. was left behind by the 53rd Div. at Bedford in July, 1915, and it was then attached to the 2nd/Welsh Div. until 16/2/16, when it left for Woolwich to prepare for overseas. The Hy. Bty. (4, 4·7″ guns) disembkd. at le Havre on 3/3/16 and joined XXIII H.A. Group. The Hy. Bty. was in action by 17/3/16.

2/1/Welsh (Caernarvonshire) Hy. Bty., R.G.A., T.F. This 2nd-line Heavy Battery was raised in 1914, and it remained with the 68th Division until May, 1918. Thereafter, and until the end of the War, the Heavy Battery was attached to the 227th Mixed Brigade (H.Q., Saxmundham), and the Heavy Battery was stationed at Blythburgh.

CYCLIST BATTALIONS :—1/6/Suffolk, was attached to 68th Div. in May, 1917, and the Bn. remained with the Division until March, 1918.

2/6/R. Sussex, was raised at Brighton, and was attached to 68th Division in Aug. and Septr., 1915.

2/25/London, was attached to the 68th Div. in May, 1917, and the Bn. remained with the Division until March, 1918.

OTHER UNITS :—2/1/Welsh Sanitary Section, was raised in 1914 and served with 68th Division from 1916.

1/1/Welsh Mobile Vety. Section, was left behind at Bedford in July, 1915, when the 53rd Div. embarked for Gallipoli. The Section then joined Welsh Div. Vety. Hospital at Luton until 7/1/16, when it was attached to 68th Div. until 21/3/16. On 21/3/16 the Section left for Egypt, and it rejoined 53rd Div., in Egypt, on 11/4/16.

2/1/Welsh Motor Ambulance Workshop, from 1915, until absorbed in 1916 by the Divisional Train.

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Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1915 November (England)	203rd[1]; [2] (2nd/1st N. Wales) 204th[1]; [3] (2nd/1st Cheshire) 205th[1]; [5] (2nd/1st Welsh Border)	2/4/R.W.F., 2/5/R.W.F., 2/6/R.W.F., 2/7/R.W.F. 2/4/Ches.,[4] 2/5/Ches., 2/6/Ches., 2/7/Ches.[4] 2/1/Mon., 2/2/Mon., 2/3/Mon., 2/1/Hereford[6]	68th (2nd/1st/Welsh) Div. Cyclist Coy[7].	2nd/I Welsh[8] (H.) 2nd/II Welsh[9] 2nd/I Cheshire[10] 2nd/IV Welsh[11]	2/1/Glamorgan (H.), 2/2/Glamorgan (H.) 2/3/Glamorgan, 2/4/Glamorgan, 2/1/Cardigan. 2/1/Cheshire, 2/2/Cheshire, 2/3/Cheshire. 2/1/Monmouth, 2/2/Monmouth, 2/3/Monmouth.	2nd/I Welsh (H.) 2nd/II Welsh 2nd/I Cheshire 2nd/IV Welsh	...	...	2nd/1/Welsh[12]	3/1/Cheshire[13]	68th[14] (2nd/1/Welsh)	...	...	2/1/Welsh[15] 2/2/Welsh[15] 2/3/Welsh[15]	...	...	68th[16] (2nd/1/Welsh)
1916 May (England)	203rd ..... 204th 205th	2/4/R.W.F., 2/5/R.W.F., 2/6/R.W.F., 2/7/R.W.F. 2/5/Ches., 2/6/Ches., 2/7/Ches.,[4] 2/4/K.S.L.I.[17] 2/1/Mon., 2/2/Mon., 2/3/Mon., 2/1/Hereford.	68th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXL (H.)[18] (2nd/I Welsh) CCCXLI[19]..... (2nd/II Welsh) CCCXLII[19] ... (2nd/I Ches.) CCCXLIII[19]... (2nd/IV Welsh)	A (H.), B (H.) A, B, C A, B, C A, B, C	CCCXL (H.) B.A.C. CCCXLI B.A.C. CCCXLII B.A.C. CCCXLIII B.A.C.	...	...	68th D.A.C. (2nd/1/Welsh)	3/1/Cheshire 1/1/[20] Glamorgan 2/1/[21] Glamorgan	68th	...	...	2/1/Welsh 2/2/Welsh 2/3/Welsh	68th (2/1/Welsh)	...	68th
1916 October (England)	203rd ..... 204th 205th	2/4/R.W.F., 2/5/R.W.F., 2/6/R.W.F., 2/7/R.W.F. 2/5/Ches., 2/6/Ches., 2/7/Ches., 2/4/K.S.L.I. 2/1/Mon., 2/2/Mon., 2/3/Mon., 2/1/Hereford.	C Sqdn., 2/1/Bedf. Yeo. 68th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXLI ..... CCCXLII ..... CCCXLIII.....	A, B, C A, B, C; D (H.)[18] A, B, C; D (H.)[18]	...	...	...	68th D.A.C.	3/1/Cheshire 1/1/ Glamorgan 2/1/ Glamorgan	68th	...	...	2/1/Welsh 2/2/Welsh 2/3/Welsh	68th	...	68th
1917 June (England)	203rd ..... 204th 205th	2/4/R.W.F., 2/5/R.W.F., 2/6/R.W.F., 2/7/R.W.F. 2/5/Ches., 2/6/Ches., 2/7/Ches., 2/4/K.S.L.I. 2/1/Mon., 2/2/Mon., 2/3/Mon., 2/1/Hereford.	68th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXLII ..... CCCXLIII.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	68th D.A.C.	440th (3/1/Cheshire) 441st (1/1/Glamorgan) 442nd (2/1/Glamorgan)	68th	...	...	319th (2/1/Welsh) 320th (2/2/Welsh) 321st (2/3/Welsh)	68th	...	68th

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1917 September (England)	203rd ..... 204th 205th	2/4/R.W.F., 2/5/R.W.F., 225th Bn.,[22]; [23] 226th Bn.[22]; [23] 2/5/Ches., 2/7/Ches., 2/4/K.S.L.I., 229th Bn.,[22]; [23] 230th Bn.[22]; [23] 2/1/Mon., 2/2/Mon., 233rd Bn.,[22]; [23] 234th Bn.[22]; [23]	68th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXLII ..... CCCXLIII.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	68th D.A.C.	440th 441st 442nd	68th	...	...	319th 320th 321st	68th	...	68th
1917 December (England)	203rd ..... 204th 205th	2/4/R.W.F., 51/Welsh (G.),[23] 51/Manch. (G.),[23] 52/Manch. (G.),[23] 2/5/Ches., 2/7/Ches., 2/5/R.W.F.,[24] 2/2/Mon.[25] 52/King's (G.),[25] 51/S.W.B. (G.),[25] 52/Welsh (G.),[25] 2/1/Mon.	68th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXLII ..... CCCXLIII.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	68th D.A.C.	440th 441st 442nd	68th	...	...	319th 320th 321st	68th	...	68th
1918 April (England)	203rd ..... 204th 205th	51/King's (G.),[26] 2/4/R.W.F., 51/Welsh (G.), 51/Manch. (G.), 52/Manch. (G.) 51/R.F. (G.),[27] 52/R.F. (G.),[28] 2/5/Ches., 2/7/Ches., 51/S.W.B. (G.) 51/R. War. (G.),[29] 52/R. War. (G.),[30] 52/King's (G.), 52/Welsh (G.), 2/1/Mon., 2/2/Mon.	68th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXLII ..... CCCXLIII.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C D (H.)	...	...	...	68th D.A.C.	440th 441st 442nd	68th	...	...	319th 320th 321st	68th	...	68th
1918 October (England)	203rd ..... 204th 205th	51/King's (G.), 51/Welsh (G.), 51/Manch. (G.), 52/Manch. (G.) 51/Queen's (G.),[31] 51/R.F. (G.), 52/R.F. (G.), 51/S.W.B. (G.) 51/R. War. (G.), 52/R. War. (G.), 52/King's (G.), 52/Welsh (G.)	68th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXLII ..... CCCXLIII.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	68th D.A.C.	440th 441st 442nd	68th	...	...	319th 320th 321st	68th	...	68th

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NOTES

1 In the middle of August, 1915, the Welsh 2nd-line Division and Infantry Brigades were given numbers. (Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.)

2 Between Septr. and the end of 1914 the 4 battalions were raised at Wrexham, Flint, Caernarvon, and Newtown.

3 In Septr., 1914, the 4 battalions were raised at Birkenhead, Chester, Stockport, and Macclesfield.

4 On 13/11/15 2/4/Ches. and 2/7/Ches. were amalgamated and designated 1st Bn., 204th Bde. On 8/12/15 Bn. was re-designated 2/7/Ches. Strength of composite Bn. was 29 offrs. and 600 o.r.; all numbers in excess of 600 were drafted to the 3rd-line battalions.

5 In Septr., 1914, the 4 battalions were raised at Newport, Pontypool, Abergavenny, and Hereford.

6 The Bn. moved to Aberystwith on 11/12/14 and joined 2/1/Welsh Border Bde. Bn. moved to Northampton on 27/4/15, was employed on N. London Defences (near Billericay) 30/5-17/6/15, and moved with Bde. to Bedford on 22/7/15.

7 Coy. was raised at Stockport in 1915; it reached Bedford on 22/10/15 and joined 68th Div.

8 Bde. was raised in 1914, moved to Northampton in April, 1915, to Reigate in August, 1915, and to St. Neots on 2/11/15. On 7/11/15 Bde. took over 8, 5" Hows. from 1/I Welsh (How.) Bde.

9 Bde. was raised at Cardiff on 14/9/14, reached Northampton on 29/4/15, moved to Earlswood on 4/8/15, and arrived at Bedford on 2/11/15, and took over 12, 15-pdr. B.L.C. guns. Between 4-21/12/15 the Bde. drew 12, 18-pdr. Q.F. guns, 18 wagons, and ammunition, and returned the 15-pdr. equipments.

10 Bde. was raised at Chester in Septr., 1914; moved to Northampton on 29/4/15; to Redhill on 4/8/15; and reached Bedford on 3/11/15. On 8/11/15 Bde. took over 12, 15-pdr. B.L.C. guns and wagons, with limbers, from 2/I Ches. Bde. On 21/11/15 the Bde. moved to Elstow; and between 11-15/12/15 the Bde. was re-armed with 12, 18-pdr. Q.F. guns and 36 ammn. wagons.

11 Bde. was raised in 1914, moved to Northampton in April, 1915, to Redhill in August, 1915, and reached Bedford on 3/11/15. Between 6-22/11/15 the Bde. took over 12, 15-pdr. B.L.C. guns from 1/IV Welsh Bde. By 20/12/15 the Bde. had been re-armed with 18-pdr. Q.F. equipts.

12 D.A.C. began to form at Turvey on 8/1/15.

13 Coy. was formed at Birkenhead in Dec., 1914; it joined 68th Div. at Northampton on 22/7/15, and moved to Bedford on 22/8/15.

14 Coy. was raised at Cardiff in Septr., 1914; moved to Northampton on 22/4/15, and to Bedford on 24/7/15.

15 The Fd. Ambces. were raised in 1914 at Ebbw Vale, Cardiff, and Swansea; they moved to Northampton in April, 1915, and to Bedford in July, 1915.

16 The Train was raised in 1914 at Leominster, Pentre (Rhondda), Birkenhead, and Ruthin; it concentrated at Aberystwith; moved to Northampton in April, 1915, and to Bedford in July, 1915, where it took over the supply work of the 68th Div. The Cos. became 549, 550, 551, and 552 Cos., A.S.C.

17 Bn. was raised at Shrewsbury in 1914. Bn. was employed on garrison duty at Ramsay (Isle of Man) from 17/7-25/11/15. Bn. reached Bedford on 26/11/15 and joined 204th Bde. On arrival at Bedford Bn. was issued with 525 Lee-Enfield ·303" rifles.

18 In May, 1916, the Bde. was numbered and the batteries were lettered A (H.) and B (H.). In 1916 the Bde. was broken up and the 2 batteries were transferred as D (H.) to CCCXLII and CCCXLIII Bdes.

19 In May, 1916, the Bdes. were numbered and the batteries lettered A, B, and C in each Brigade.

20 Joined 68th Div. at Bedford (from Cardiff) on 29/11/15.

21 Joined 68th Div. at Bedford by 1/1/16.

22 These 6 battalions were Graduated Battalions of the Training Reserve; they served with the 68th Div.: 225, 226, 229, 233, and 234 from 23/7/17; and 230 from 24/9/17.

23 The 6 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations from 27/10/17.

24 From 203rd Bde.

25 From 205th Bde.

26 By 11/3/18 Bn. joined from 195th Bde., 65th Div. (disbanded).

27 By 11/3/18 Bn. joined from 215th Bde., 72nd Div. (disbanded).

28 By 11/3/18 Bn. joined from 217th Bde., 72nd Div. (disbanded).

29 By 11/3/18 Bn. joined from 216th Bde., 72nd Div. (disbanded).

30 By 11/3/18 Bn. joined from 220th Bde., 73rd Div. (disbanded).

31 Bn. served in 208th Bde., 69th Div., until 20/4/18; and Bn. joined 204th Bde., 68th Div., by 22/7/18, from Bury St. Edmunds.

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68TH (2ND/WELSH) DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division); but the 2nd/Welsh Division only came into existence in January, 1915, and it was April before the division concentrated at Northampton, its war station.

In July and August 2nd/Welsh Division moved to Bedford to replace its 1st-line division, when the latter left Bedford for the Dardanelles in mid-July.

Meanwhile the training of all the units was made difficult by the lack of arms and equipment, as well as by the necessity of providing drafts for the 1st-line units, and by the reorganization (in July) of the infantry battalions, after the home-service men had been drafted to home-service units. By the end of August, 1915, one battalion (2/7/Cheshire) had sent no fewer than 800 N.C.O.s and men to its 1st-line battalion; but, even so, this 2nd-line battalion still had 35 officers and 809 N.C.O.s and men. Other battalions, however, had more difficulty in keeping up to strength, and by the end of October one battalion only numbered 317 all ranks. In November the strength of a 2nd line battalion was reduced to 600, and again the battalions had to be reorganized. The men had been armed with the ·256″ Japanese rifles, but, late in 1915, these rifles were withdrawn (for re-issue to provisional battalions) and 2nd-line battalions each received 525 converted charger-loading Lee-Enfield rifles.

The artillery also had to overcome difficulties in training for war. Up to the end of May the batteries had not received any guns, horses, or saddlery, nevertheless drafts had been called for, and at the end of May 2/I Cheshire Bde. sent 2 officers and 106 men to the newly-formed 53rd (1st Welsh) Division Ammunition Column. In June equipment at last began to arrive, some saddlery was received (19 sets in one brigade), and this issue was followed in July by the horses (in one brigade, 278). So far no guns had been issued. In one report the situation is summed up very fairly: "the preparation for Imperial Service is the best that is possible in the circumstances." In August the issue of harness was completed, and four 90-mm. guns were received by each brigade; one brigade, however, was still over 200 below establishment. In September some ammunition wagons arrived, and in October eight more 90-mm. guns with wagons, reached each brigade. Progress became rapid in driving drill, field movements, and gunnery; and, as far as possible, the 90-mm. guns were used as 15-pdrs. In November the 90-mm. guns were returned. The batteries then moved to Bedford and were rearmed with 15-pdr. equipments, handed over by the 1st-line Welsh units, and the howitzer batteries took over 5″ howitzer equipments. All units were now able to report that they were fairly well up to strength in personnel, horses, and equipment. In December, 1915, each field-gun brigade received 12, 18-pdr. Q.F. guns, limbers, ammunition wagons, and ammunition, and the 15-pdr. equipments were transferred.

In the meantime the division had been allotted a position in the scheme for Home Defence, and in November, 1915, it joined First Army, Central Force. At this time the 68th Division was concentrated at Bedford with the howitzer brigade at St. Neots. By September, 1916, the division had moved into General Reserve, Home Forces, and was quartered as follows: Divisional headquarters and 203rd Brigade at Bedford, 204th Brigade at Old Warden and Lowestoft, 205th Brigade at Howbury and Orford; mounted troops at Turvey; artillery brigades at Austin Cannon, Old Warden, and Howbury; and field companies at Orford, Yatesbury, and Bungay.

By May, 1917, 68th Division had been transferred to Northern Army, Home Forces (Army Headquarters at Norwich), and the summer stations of the division were as follows: Divisional headquarters at Bungay; 203rd Brigade at Halesworth, 204th Brigade at Westleton, Southwold, Wrentham, and Aldeburgh, and 205th Brigade at Lowestoft. The cyclists were at Great Yarmouth and Saxmundham; the artillery brigades at

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Huntingdon and Flixton, with the attached field battery and the heavy battery at Leiston; the field companies were at Halesworth, Yarmouth, and Southwold. By August 205th Brigade, the cyclist company, an artillery brigade, and a field company had moved to Herringfleet, and the other field artillery brigade to Halesworth. These stations were occupied until the division (now in XXIII Corps, with Corps Headquarters at Brentwood) took up its winter quarters, and the troops were billeted as follows: 203rd Brigade at Yarmouth, 204th Brigade at Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, and Stowlangtoft, and 205th Brigade at Lowestoft. The cyclists were at Lowestoft, Peasenhall, and Wickham Market; the field artillery brigades were at Langley and Harleston, with the heavy battery at Blythburgh; and the field companies were at Lowestoft, Yarmouth, and Heydon.

During the winter the infantry brigades were extensively remodelled, the 2nd-line T.F. battalions being gradually replaced by graduated battalions (see Table). In this way the division lost its territorial association, and henceforth was known as 68th Division. With the arrival of spring the division took up its summer stations for 1918: Divisional headquarters at Bungay, 203rd Brigade at Benacre Park and Herringfleet, 204th Brigade at Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, and Stowlangtoft, and 205th Brigade at Saxmundham. The cyclist company was at Henham; the field artillery brigades were at Herringfleet and Henham; and the field companies were at Henham, Herringfleet, and Southwold. Until the end of the War the 68th Division remained in XXIII Corps (Corps Headquarters now at Bury St. Edmunds), and, in November, 1918, the division was disposed as follows: Headquarters at Bungay; 203rd Brigade at Herringfleet, 204th Brigade at Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, and Stowlangtoft, and 205th Brigade at Henham. The cyclist company was at Oulton; the field artillery brigades were at Herringfleet and Harleston; and the field companies were at Diss, Yarmouth, and Southwold.

For the remainder of its existence the division continued to occupy the same stations in Norfolk and Suffolk, but the need for the division had passed away. The disbandment of the artillery began by the 6th January, 1919, and on the same date the strength of the engineers had fallen to 472, from the establishment strength of 844. A month later found the strength of the artillery reduced to 322 (establishment, 1,774), and the engineers only numbered 339. The strength of the infantry was maintained longer; at the beginning of March it was 11,821, but of this number only 9,374 were returned as trained. The end, however, was near; and by the 17th March, 1919, the 68th Division disappeared from the Weekly Return of the Army at Home.

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G.O.C.

24 November, 1914	... ...	Br.-Gen. W. F. CAVAYE.
14 November, 1915	... ...	Major-General F. H. KELLY.
3 February, 1917	... ...	Br.-Gen. F. A. FORTESCUE (acting).
18 February, 1917	... ...	Major-General F. H. KELLY.
8 September, 1917	... ...	Major-General C. ROSS.
4 November, 1918	... ...	Major-General Sir R. FANSHAWE.

G.S.O. 1.

Formation	...	Major G. WILKS (acting).
15 Jan.,	1915...	Captain G. E. B. STEPHENS (acting).
3 Mar.,	1915...	Major D. D. BAYNES (acting).
15 June,	1915...	Lt.-Col. H. M. BIDDULPH.
8 May,	1916...	Major D. D. BAYNES (acting).
13 May,	1916...	Lt.-Col. H. M. BIDDULPH (sick, 5/6/16).
5 June,	1916...	Lt.-Col. C. H. D. LYON-CAMPBELL (acting).
20 June,	1916...	Lt.-Col. H. M. BIDDULPH.
3 Dec.,	1916...	Major D. D. BAYNES (acting).
4 Dec.,	1916...	Lt.-Col. A. L. C. CLARKE.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

25 Jan.,	1915...	Lt.-Col. T. M. M. BERKELEY.
12 June,	1915...	Lt.-Col. P. W. DRAKE-BROCKMAN.
15 May,	1916...	Major G. WILKS (acting).
20 May,	1916...	Lt.-Col. P. W. DRAKE-BROCKMAN.
21 Feb.,	1918...	Lt.-Col. A. W. B. WALLACE.

B.-G., R.A.

20 Jan.,	1915...	Colonel A. C. BAILWARD.
12 Jan.,	1916...	Colonel C. H. ALEXANDER.
18 April,	1916...	Colonel H. H. BUTLER.
7 July,	1916...	Br.-Gen. H. H. BUTLER.
8 Jan., –12 Jan.,	1918 1918	Br.-Gen. J. McC. MAXWELL.
5 Feb., –31 Dec.,	1918 1918	Br.-Gen. L. A. C. GORDON.

C.R.E.

6 Nov.,	1914...	Lt.-Col. M. MOWAT.
25 Nov.,	1916...	Lt.-Col. F. WILSON.

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206th BDE.

(2nd/1st Essex)

9 Jan., '15...Col. A. G. WATSON.
18 Mar., '16...Lt.-Col. G. DOWNING.
7 July, '16...Br.-Gen. G. DOWNING.
7 Nov., '17...Br.-Gen. C. CUNLIFFE-OWEN.

207th BDE.

(2nd/1st East Midland)

18 Jan., '15..Col. Hon. A. E. DALZELL.
21 May, '16..Col. M. L. MACEWEN.
7 July, '16...Br.-Gen. M. L. MACEWEN.
20 Feb., '17...Br.-Gen. H. HAGGARD.
7 Aug., '18...Lt.-Col. W. H. YOUNG (acting).
10 Aug., '18...Lt.-Col. V. R. PIGOTT (acting).
29 Aug., '18...Br.-Gen. R. M. OVENS.

208th BDE.

(2nd/1st Norfolk and Suffolk)

9 Jan., '15...Col. W. BODLE.
17 Mar., '16...Col. F. A. FORTESCUE.
29 July, '16...Br.-Gen. F. A. FORTESCUE.
6 Jan., '18...Br.-Gen. A. G. PRITCHARD.
8 April, '18...Br.-Gen. F. F. W. DANIELL.
[7 Feb., '19 – 20 Mar., '19 } Br.-Gen. C. R. P. WINSER.]

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units belonged to the 2nd/East Anglian Division, but they served with the 54th (East Anglian) Division :—

2/1/East Anglian Fd. Coy., left the 2nd/East Anglian Division in July, 1915, and joined the 54th Division before embarkation. The Fd. Coy. embarked on 28/7/15, and it served with the 54th Division throughout the remainder of the War. In 1917, the Fd. Coy. was numbered 486th.

2/1/East Anglian Fd. Ambce., left the 2nd East Anglian Division in July, 1915, and joined the 54th Division before embarkation. The Fd. Ambce. embarked on 22/7/15, and it served with the 54th Division throughout the remainder of the War.

The following Units also served with the 69th Division :—

ARTILLERY :—54th Division Artillery, (Br.-Gen. G. W. Biddulp)—I, II, III (How.), and IV E. Anglian Bdes., and D.A.C.—was attached to 69th Div. at Thetford, from 8/8–15/11/15, when 54th Div. Artillery went to France. On 21/11/15 54th Div. Artillery was attached, in France, to 33rd Division.

2/1/Shropshire Bty., R.H.A., T.F., was attached from 14/3–2/4/1917. The Battery had previously served with the 1st Mtd. Div. On leaving the 69th Div., 2/1/Shropshire Bty. joined CLVIII, then forming at Heytesbury, and the Bty. was rearmed with 18-pdrs. The Bde. (CLVIII) disembkd. at Boulogne on 24/5/17 and became an A.F.A. Bde. On 6/7/17, 2/1/Shropshire Bty. was redesignated A/CLVIII.

533, 536, 384, 385, 386, 387, and 388 Batteries, see notes, 15, 16, 18, and 19.

1/1/East Anglian (Essex) Hy. Bty., R.G.A., T.F. (4, 4·7″ guns), was attached to the Div. in July, 1915, after the 54th Div. embkd. for Gallipoli. The Hy. Bty. left the 69th Div. on 1/3/16 and went to Woolwich. The Hy. Bty. disembkd. at le Havre on 14/3/16 ; and, on 16/3/16, the Hy. Bty. joined XXIII H.A.G. In 1917 the Hy. Bty. was rearmed with 6, 60-pdr. guns.

2/1/East Anglian (Essex) Hy. Bty., R.G.A., T.F., served with the 69th Div. from 6/11/15–26/4/16. In April, 1916, the Hy. Bty. joined the 5th Provisional Bde. at Lowestoft, and served with the 5th Provl. Bde. until the end of the year. In 1917 the Hy. Bty., still at Lowestoft, was attached to the 225th Mixed Brigade, and the Hy. Bty. served with the 225th Mixed Bde. (XXIII Corps) until the end of 1918.

ENGINEERS :—1/1/City of Edinburgh Fd. Coy., served with the 69th Div. from 16/11/15–19/12/15. Formerly a T.F. fortress coy., it became a field coy. after mobilization. On leaving the 69th Div. the Fd. Coy. embarked at Plymouth, and on 3–5/1/16 it disembkd. at Port Said. The Fd. Coy. joined Army Troops and was employed on the Suez Canal Defences. On 17/4/16 the Fd. Coy. embkd. at Alexandria, disembkd. at Marseille on 24/4/16, and joined 56th Div. on 27/4–4/5/16. The Fd. Coy. served with the 56th Div. for the remainder of the War, and in 1917 it was numbered 416th Fd. Coy.

1/1/Renfrewshire Fd. Coy., served with the 69th Div. from 16/11/15–19/12/15. Formerly a T.F. fortress coy., it became a field coy. after mobilization. On leaving the 69th Div. the Fd. Coy. embarked at Plymouth, and on 3–5/1/16 it disembkd. at Port Said. The Fd. Coy. joined Army Troops and was employed on the Suez Canal Defences. On 17/4/16 the Fd. Coy. embkd. at Alexandria, disembkd. at Marseille on 24/4/16, and joined 4th Div. on 2/5/16. The Fd. Coy. served with the 4th Div. for the remainder of the War, and in 1917 it was numbered 406th Fd. Coy.

INFANTRY :—3rd Provisional Bde. (43rd, 62nd, 64th, 66th, and 67th Provl. Bns.) (Br.-Gen. H. J. Archdale), was attached to the 69th Div. from 18/9–16/10/15. On 15/10/15 117 Hy. Bty., 1/2 1/1/Devon. Hy. Bty., No. 2 Armoured Train, 1/6/Norf. (Cyclists), and 2/25/Lond. (Cyclists) were attached to 3rd Provl. Bde. ; they all left 69th Div. on 16/10/15, with the 3rd Provl. Bde. (In Dec., 1916, 3rd Provl. Bde. became 223rd Mixed Bde. ; and 43rd Bn. became 25/King's, 62nd Bn. became 9/North'n, 64th Bn. became 14/Suff., 66th Bn. became 16/Essex, and 67th Bn. became 17/Essex.)

23/Welsh (P.), attached from 13/5–22/6/16. **26/Middx.(P.),** attached from 1/6–22/6/16. **Comp. Bn. (2/7/R.W.F. and 2/1/S.W.B.)** attached from 25/5–22/6/16.

1/12/L.N.L.(P.), was attached from 13/5–1/6/16. The Bn. then joined 60th (2nd/2nd London) Div. and it served with 60th Div. until 10/4/18, when the Pioneer Bn. was transferred to 74th Division.

OTHER UNITS :—1/1/East Anglian Mobile Vety. Sec., was attached from July, 1915, until it left in March, 1916, to rejoin 54th Div. in Egypt. It rejoined on 11/4/16.

1/1/London Sanitary Sec., joined 69th Div. on 15/6/16 and served with 69th Div. for the remainder of the War.

69th Motor Amb. Workshop, served with the Div., until absorbed by the Train in 1916.

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69TH[1] (2ND/EAST ANGLIAN) DIVISION

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1915 November (England)	206th[1] ... (2nd/1st Essex) 207th[1] ... (2nd/1st E. Midland) 208th[1] ... (2nd/1st Norfolk and Suffolk).	2/4/Essex,[2] 2/5/Essex, 2/6/Essex, 2/7/Essex. 2/5/Bedf., 2/4/Northn., 2/1 Herts.,[7] 2/1/Camb.[8] 2/4/Norf., 2/5/Norf., 2/4/Suff.,[3] 2/5/Suff.	2/1/Herts. Yeo.[4] 69th (2nd/1/E. Anglian) Div. Cyclist Coy.	2nd/I E. Anglian 2nd/II E. Anglian 2nd/III E. Anglian (H.) 2nd/IV E. Anglian	2/1/Norfolk, 2/2/Norfolk, 2/3/Norfolk. 2/1/Essex, 2/2/Essex, 2/3/Essex. 2/1/Suffolk (H.), 2/2/Suffolk (H.) 2/1/Herts., 2/2/Herts., 2/1/Northn.	2nd/I E. Anglian 2nd/II E. Anglian 2nd/III E. Anglian (H.) 2nd/IV E. Anglian	...	...	...	3/1/E. Anglian 2/2/E. Anglian 1/3/E. Anglian[5]	69th (2nd/1/E. Anglian)	...	...	2/2/E. Anglian 2/3/E. Anglian	...	...	69th[6] (2nd/1/E. Anglian)
1916 May (England)	206th ..... 207th 208th	2/5/Essex, 2/6/Essex, 2/7/Essex, 4/1/Herts.[7] 2/5/Bedf., 2/4/Northn., 2/1/Herts.,[7] 2/1/Camb.[8] 2/4/Norf., 2/5/Norf., 2/5/Suff., 4/1/Camb.[8]	H.Q.,[9] M.-G. Sec., & A Sqdn., 2/1/Northants. Yeo. 69th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXLV[10] ... (2nd/I E. Anglian) CCCXLVI[10] ... (2nd/II E. Anglian) CCCXLVII (H.)[11] (2nd/III E. Anglian) CCCXLVIII[10] (2nd/IV E. Anglian)	A, B, C A, B, C A (H.), B (H.) A, B, C	CCCXLV B.A.C. CCCXLVI B.A.C. CCCXLVII (H.) B.A.C. CCCXLVIII B.A.C.	...	...	69th D.A.C.	3/1/E. Anglian 2/2/E. Anglian 1/3/E. Anglian	69th	...	...	3/1/E.[12] Anglian 2/2/E. Anglian 2/3/E. Anglian	69th[13] (2/1/E. Anglian)	...	69th
1916 October (England)	206th ..... 207th 208th	2/5/Essex, 2/6/Essex, 2/7/Essex, 4/1/Herts. 2/5/Bedf., 2/4/Northn., 2/1/Herts., 2/1/Camb. 2/4/Norf., 2/5/Norf., 2/5/Suff., 4/1/Camb.	A Sqdn.,[9] 2/1/Northants Yeo. 69th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXLV[17] ... CCCXLVI ..... CCCXLVIII ...	A, B,[14] C;[15] D (H.)[11] A, B,[14] C; D (H.)[11];[16] A, B,[14] C	...	...	...	69th D.A.C.	3/1/E. Anglian 2/2/E. Anglian 1/3/E. Anglian	69th	...	...	3/1/E. Anglian 2/2/E. Anglian 2/3/E. Anglian	69th	...	69th
1917 June (England)	206th ..... 207th 208th	2/5/Essex, 2/6/Essex, 2/7/Essex, 4/1/Herts. 2/5/Bedf., 2/4/Northn., 2/1/Herts., 2/1/Camb. 2/4/Norf., 2/5/Norf., 2/5/Suff.,[20] 4/1/Camb.	69th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCXLVI[18] ... CCCXLVIII[19]	A, B,[17] C; D (H.) A, B,[17] C; D (H.)[17]	...	...	...	69th D.A.C.	485th (3/1/E. Anglian) 487th (2/2/E. Anglian) 488th (1/3/E. Anglian)	69th	...	...	322nd (3/1/E. Anglian) 323rd (2/2/E. Anglian) 324th (2/3/E. Anglian)	69th	...	69th

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1917 October (England)	206th ..... 207th 208th	2/5/Essex, 2/6/Essex, 2/7/Essex,[21] 237th Bn.,[22; 24] 238th Bn.[22; 24] 2/5/Bedf., 2/4/Northn., 2/1/Camb.,[23] 241st Bn.,[22; 24] 242nd Bn.[22; 24] 2/4/Norf., 2/5/Norf., 4/1/Camb.,[23] 245th Bn.,[22; 24] 246th Bn.[22; 24]	69th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXLVI ..... CCCXLVIII ...	A, B, C; D (H. A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	69th D.A.C.	485th 487th 488th	69th	...	...	322nd 323rd 324th	69th	...	69th
1917 December (England)	206th ..... 207th 208th	51/N.F. (G.),[24] 2/5/Essex, 2/6/Essex, 51/R.B. (G.)[24] 51/W. York. (G.),[24] 2/5/Bedf., 2/4/Northn., 52/R.B. (G.)[24] 51/Queen's (G.),[24] 2/4/Norf., 2/5/Norf., 51/Sher. For. (G.)[24]	69th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXLVI ..... CCCXLVIII ...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	69th D.A.C.	485th 487th 488th	69th	...	...	322nd 323rd 324th	69th	...	69th
1918 April (England)	206th ..... 207th 208th	51/N.F. (G.), 52/N.F. (G.),[25] 2/5/Essex, 51/D.L.I. (G.),[26] 52/D.L.I. (G.)[27] 51/W. York. (G.), 52/W. York. (G.),[28] 51/Leic. (G.),[29] 52/Leic. (G.),[30] 52/Sher. For. (G.)[31] 51/Queen's (G.),[32] 2/4/Norf., 2/5/Norf., 51/Sher. For. (G.), 51/K.O.Y.L.I. (G.),[33] 52/K.O.Y.L.I. (G.)[34]	69th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXLVI ..... CCCXLVIII ...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	69th D.A.C.	485th 487th 488th	69th	...	...	322nd 323rd 324th	69th	...	69th
1918 October (England)	206th ..... 207th 208th	51/N.F. (G.), 52/N.F. (G.), 51/D.L.I. (G.), 52/D.L.I. (G.) 51/W. York. (G.), 52/W. York. (G.), 51/K.O.Y.L.I. (G.),[35] 52/K.O.Y.L.I. (G.)[35] 51/Leic. (G.),[36] 52/Leic. (G.),[36] 51/Sher. For. (G.), 52/Sher. For. (G.)[37]	69th Coy., A.C.C.	CCCXLVI ..... CCCXLVIII ...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	...	...	69th D.A.C.	485th 487th 488th	69th	...	...	322nd 323rd 324th	69th	...	69th

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NOTES

1 On 15/8/1915 the E. Anglian 2nd-line Division and Infantry Brigades were given numbers. (Divnl. Order No. 788 of 15/8/15.) Authy., 40/W.O./2609, A.G.1, of 10/8/15.

2 Bn. was abolished on 6/12/15; personnel left the Div. to join 3/4/Essex.

3 Bn. was abolished on 6/12/15; personnel (9 offrs. and 282 o.r.) left the Div. to join 3/4/Suff.

4 Regt. served with the Div. until 28/4/16.

5 Fd. Coy. was raised at Northampton and joined the Div. at Thetford on 4/10/15.

6 The Cos. were numbered 553, 554, 555, and 556 Cos., A.S.C.

7 4/1/Herts. began to form on 6/11/15. 2/1/Herts. was divided into 2 battalions on 17/11/15, each of 200 o.r. Each battalion was brought up to 400 o.r. by drafts from 3rd-line. One battalion remained in 207th Bde. (2/1/Herts.); the other battalion (4/1/Herts.) joined 206th Bde. on 8/12/15, to replace 2/4/Essex.

8 4/1/Camb. began to form in Nov., 1915. On 30/11/15 2/1/Camb. was divided into 2 battalions, each of 200 o.r. Each battalion was brought up to 400 o.r. by drafts from 3rd-line. One battalion remained in 207th Bde. (2/1/Camb.); the other battalion (4/1/Camb.) joined 208th Bde. on 12/12/15, to replace 2/4/Suff.

9 Served with the Div. from 17/4/16-15/6/17.

10 In May, 1916, the Bdes. were numbered and the batteries were lettered—A, B, and C—in each Brigade.

11 In May, 1916, the Bde. was numbered and the batteries were lettered A (H.) and B (H.). In 1916 the Bde. was broken up and the 2 batteries were transferred and became D (H.) in CCCXLV and CCCXLVI.

12 Arrived at Newmarket on 6/3/16, and joined the Division.

13 Arrived at Thetford on 22/12/15, and joined the Division.

14 B/CCCXLV was broken up on 7/11/16; and B/CCCXLVI and B/CCCXLVIII were broken up on 10/11/16.

15 C left for Cowshott on 1/9/16 and became 533 (H.) Bty., and original 533 (H.) joined from Cowshott and became C/CCCXLV.

16 D (H.) left for Cowshott on 1/9/16 and became 536 (H.) Bty.; and original 536 (H.) joined from Cowshott and became D (H.)/CCCXLV.

17 On 26/12/16 CCCXLV was broken up and A became B/CCCXLVIII, D (H.) became D (H.)/CCCXLVIII, and C became B/CCCXLVI.

18 On 30/12/16 two new 6-gun 18-pdr. batteries joined, and 384 was affiliated to A and 385 to B.

19 On 30/12/16 three new 6-gun 18-pdr. batteries joined, and 386 was affiliated to A, 387 to B, and 388 to C.

20 Bn. left the Div. on 28/9/17, and was broken up in 67th Div.

21 Bn. left the Div. on 10/10/17, and was broken up in 67th Div.

22 The 6 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve joined the Div. between 21/7/17-11/10/17.

23 2/1/Camb. left 69th Div. and joined 200th Bde., 67th Div., on 8/10/17 and was broken up. 4/1/Camb. was broken up at Thoresby (in 69th Div.) between July, 1917, and 8/10/17.

24 The 6 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve (see note 22) were affiliated to line regts. and adopted territorial designations from 27/10/17. In Febry., 1918, 51/R.B. and 52/R.B. were transferred to 67th Div.

25 Bn. joined on 5/3/18.

26 Bn. joined on 15/1/18, from 215th Bde., 72nd Div. (disbanded).

27 Bn. joined on 15/1/18, from 220th Bde., 73rd Div. (disbanded).

28 Bn. joined on 23/2/18.

29 Bn. joined on 15/1/18, from 216th Bde., 72nd Div. (disbanded).

30 Bn. joined on 17/1/18, from 218th Bde., 73rd Div. (disbanded).

31 Bn. joined on 23/2/18.

32 Bn. left the Div. on 20/4/18, and by 22/7/18 joined 204th Bde., 68th Div.

33 Bn. joined on 15/1/18, from 217th Bde., 72nd Div. (disbanded).

34 Bn. joined in Jany., 1918, from 219th Bde., 73rd Div. (disbanded).

35 Bns. were transferred from 208th Bde.

36 Bns. were transferred from 207th Bde.

37 Bn. was transferred in April, 1918, from 207th Bde.

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69TH (2ND/EAST ANGLIAN) DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This 2nd-line (or reserve) Territorial Force division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The formation of reserve (or 2nd-line) T.F. units was authorized on the 31st August, 1914 (see Narrative, 57th Division); but it was not until towards the end of 1914 that the 2nd/East Anglian Division actually came into existence at Peterborough. The training of all the units was impeded by the lack of arms and equipment, by the constant provision of drafts for the 1st-line units, and by the necessary reorganization of the units after the home-service men had been transferred to home-service units.

The 2nd/East Anglian Division concentrated around Thetford early in 1915. On the 17th August the 206th Brigade was detached for work on the London Defences at Rayleigh, Billericay, Hadleigh, and Brentwood. On the 7th September 208th Brigade relieved 206th Brigade; and 208th Brigade then worked on the London Defences until the 28th September, the brigade then rejoined the 69th Division.

In October, 1915, the strength of a battalion was fixed at 23 officers and 600 other ranks. Once more the battalions had to be reorganized and surplus personnel was transferred to 3rd-line battalions. In November, the infantry received charger-loading Lee-Enfield rifles and ammunition and the Japanese rifles were returned to Weedon.

At the outset, training the batteries for war was made difficult by the lack of *matériel*. Some months passed before guns, horses, and harness were received, and even then only French 90-mm. guns were available. It was not until November, 1915, that 15-pdr. equipments and 5″ howitzers were taken over from the 1st-line batteries, and the 90-mm. guns were transferred to various stations. Then in January, 1916, 12, 18-pdr. Q.F. equipments (with 36 wagons) were received by each of the field-gun brigades.

Whilst at Thetford the division formed part of First Army, Central Force, and was quartered as follows: 206th Brigade at Thetford, 207th Brigade at Newmarket, and 208th Brigade at Bury St. Edmunds and Stowlangtoft; the mounted troops were at Huntingdon and Ingham; the artillery was at Cambridge, Tuddenham, and Brandon, with the heavy batteries at Cavenham and Cambridge; and the field companies were at Norwich and Attleborough.

Between 22nd–25th June, 1916, the division moved to Harrogate and it then formed part of Local Forces, Northern Command. The three infantry brigades were all concentrated around Harrogate; the mounted troops were at Mablethorpe and Anderby Creek; the artillery had two brigades at Harrogate and the third at Laceby; and the field companies were at Thirklebridge and Millington, Saltfleetby, and Sutton-on-Sea. The camps around Harrogate were all broken up in October; and from the middle of October, 1916, until the end of April, 1917, the division went into winter quarters, billeting in Harrogate, Catterick, and Doncaster.

Between 30th April and 7th May, 1917, the division moved to Retford, but still remained part of Local Forces, Northern Command. The stations occupied by the 69th Division were now as follows: 206th Brigade at Welbeck Camp, 207th Brigade at Carburton Camp, and 208th Brigade at Thoresby Camp; the mounted troops at Scarborough and Skipsea; the artillery at Welbeck Camp; and the engineers at Thoresby, Carburton, and Welbeck Camps. These stations were maintained until winter set in, and the division moved into winter quarters: Divisional Headquarters in Retford; 206th Brigade in Middlesborough, Barnard Castle, Durham, and Stockton, 207th Brigade in Clipstone, and 208th Brigade in Doncaster and Radmires. The cyclists were in Skipsea; the artillery in Doncaster and Darlington; and the field companies in Doncaster, Mablethorpe, and Darlington.

Whilst the division occupied its winter stations the infantry brigades were extensively remodelled: the 2nd-line T.F. battalions were all replaced by graduated battalions (see Table). In this way the Division lost its territorial association, and from the 1st January, 1918, the Division was designated 69th Division, and 'East Anglian' was dropped.

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At the end of the winter the division moved out to its summer stations, and by May, 1918, it was thus disposed: Headquarters at Retford, 206th Brigade at Guisborough, 207th Brigade at Thoresby, and 208th Brigade at Welbeck. The cyclists were at Skipsea; the artillery at Doncaster and Darlington; and the engineers at Doncaster, Mablethorpe, and Darlington. Later, during 1918, the 206th Brigade was stationed at Guisborough and Catterick, the 207th Brigade moved to Clipstone, and the artillery brigades to Middlesborough and Doncaster; and, on the 18th October, Divisional Headquarters left Retford and opened at Sherwood Hall, Mansfield. No further changes were made before the end of 1918, and during the whole of the year 69th Division remained under Northern Command.

From the end of 1917 the engineers were mainly employed on building aerodromes. In this work they were assisted by two Welsh field companies as well as by two American bricklayer companies. For this purpose these four extra companies served, until demobilization, under the C.R.E., 69th Division.

For the rest of its short life the division continued to occupy the same stations. Early in 1919, however, the cyclists disappeared. The disbandment of the artillery also began; and by the 27th January the strength of the divisional artillery had shrunk to 79, out of an establishment of 1,774; at the same date the strength of the engineers had fallen to 87. The infantry maintained its strength rather longer; and as late as the 24th February it still mustered 10,014 (with 3,168 returned as trained) out of an establishment strength of 12,075. The end, however, was drawing near; and by the 17th March, 1919, the 69th Division ceased to appear in the Weekly Return of the Army at Home.

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70TH DIVISION
(209TH, 210TH, & 211TH INFANTRY BRIGADES)

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71st DIVISION

G.O.C.

3 November, 1916	Br.-Gen. C. T. Caulfeild (acting).
6 November, 1916	Major-General Hon. H. A. Lawrence.
12 February, 1917	Major-General C. J. Blomfield.
17 July, 1917 ... ... –1 March, 1918	Major-General A. G. Dallas.

G.S.O. 1.

30 Oct., 1916	Lt.-Col. H. R. Blore.
31 Mar., 1917	Lt.-Col. R. M. Johnson.
10 Oct., 1917 –6 Mar., 1918	Lt.-Col. W. S. Whetherly.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

27 Oct., 1916 –10 April, 1918	Lt.-Col. J. M. Home.

B.-G., R.A.

3 Nov., 1916	Br.-Gen. C. T. Caulfeild.
21 Nov., 1917	Lt.-Col. S. H. Gosling (acting).
28 Nov., 1917 –25 Feb., 1918	Br.-Gen. W. B. Browell.

C.R.E.

11 Nov., 1916 –30 Mar., 1918	Lt.-Col. J. L. V. S. Williams.

212th BDE.

29 Nov., '16	Br.-Gen. Hon. C. G. Fortescue.
24 Nov., '17 –12 Feb., '18	Br.-Gen. H. W. Cobham.

213th BDE.

2 Nov., '16 –1 Mar., '18	Br.-Gen. W. MacL. Campbell.

214th BDE.

1 Nov., '16	Br.-Gen. W. C. Ross.
11 Dec., '16	Br.-Gen. C. H. T. Lucas.
14 April, '17	Br.-Gen. F. J. Duncan.
8 Nov., '17	Br.-Gen. L. A. E. Price-Davies, V.C.

[On 12/2/18 214th Bde. was transferred to 67th Division.]

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71st DIVISION — ORDER OF BATTLE, 1916-1917

Dates	INFANTRY: Brigades	INFANTRY: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Brigades	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Batteries	ARTILLERY: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	ARTILLERY: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	ARTILLERY: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1916 November (England)	212th 213th 214th	61/Provl. Bn.,[1] 100/Provl. Bn.,[2] 101/Provl. Bn.[3] 16/Queen's,[4] 25/Middx.,[5] 66/Provl. Bn.[6] 2/6/D.L.I.,[7] 2/7/D.L.I.,[7] 2/8/D.L.I.[7]	...	CCCL[8] CCCLI[8]	A,[9] B ;[10] C (H.)[11] A,[12] B ;[13] C (H.)[14]	...	...	...	71st[15] D.A.C.	2/1/Dundee[16] 2/3/Lanc.[17] 6/Provl.[18] Fd. Coy.	71st[19]	...	...	301st[20] (Welsh) 302nd[20] (Welsh) 303rd[20] (Welsh)	...	...	71st[21]
1917 May (England)	212th 213th 214th	11/Norf.,[1] 29/Lond.,[2] 30/Lond.[3] 16/Queen's, 18/Hants.,[22] 16/Essex[6] 2/6/D.L.I., 2/7/D.L.I., 2/8/D.L.I.	71st[23] Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCL CCCLI	1208,[9] B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	71st D.A.C.	548th[16] (2/1/Dundee) 549th[17] (2/3/Lanc.) 645th[18] (W. Lanc.)	71st	...	...	301st 302nd 303rd	56th[24]	...	71st
1917 August (England)	212th 213th 214th	11/Norf., 29/Lond.,[25] 30/Lond., 249th Bn.,[26] ; [32] 250th Bn.[26] ; [32] 16/Queen's, 18/Hants., 16/Essex, 252nd Bn.[26] ; [32] 2/6/D.L.I.,[27] 2/7/D.L.I., 2/8/D.L.I.,[28] 255th Bn.[26] ; [32]	71st Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCL CCCLI	1208, B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	71st D.A.C.	548th 549th 645th	71st	...	...	301st 302nd 303rd	56th	...	71st
1917 October (England)	212th 213th 214th	11/Norf.,[29] 30/Lond., 249th Bn., 250th Bn. 16/Queen's, 18/Hants., 16/Essex, 252nd Bn., 253rd Bn.[30] ; [32] 2/7/D.L.I., 255th Bn., 256th Bn.[30] ; [32]	71st Coy., A.C.C.	CCCL CCCLI	1208, B ; C (H.)[37] A, B ; C (H.)[37]	...	...	...	71st D.A.C.	548th 549th 645th[31]	71st	...	...	301st 302nd 303rd	56th	...	71st
1917 November (England)	212th 213th 214th	51/Bedf. (G.),[32] 52/Middx. (G.),[32] 30/Lond. 16/Queen's,[35] 18/Hants.,[36] 16/Essex,[36] 52/Bedf. (G.),[32] 51/R. Suss. (G.)[32] 52/Queen's (G.),[32] ; [33] 52/R. Suss. (G.),[32] ; [34] 2/7/D.L.I.	71st Coy., A.C.C.	XLIX[37] CCCL CCCLI	A (H.),[37] B (H.)[37] 1208, B A, B	...	...	...	71st D.A.C.	492nd[38] 548th 549th	71st	...	...	301st 302nd 303rd	56th	...	71st
1917 December (England)	212th[39] 213th[44] 214th[48]	51/Bedf. (G.),[40] 52/R. Suss. (G.),[34] ; [41] 52/Middx. (G.),[42] 30/Lond.[43] 52/Queen's (G.),[33] ; [45] 52/Bedf. (G.),[46] 51/R. Suss.[47] 16/Queen's,[48] 2/7/D.L.I.[48] ; [49]	71st[50] Coy., A.C.C.	XLIX[48] ; [51] CCCL[52] CCCLI[53]	A (H.), B (H.) 1208, B A, B	...	...	...	71st[54] D.A.C.	492nd[55] 548th[56] 549th[57]	71st[48]	...	...	301st[58] 302nd[59] 303rd[58]	56th[60]	...	71st[61]

On the 12th February, 1918, the 71st Division was broken up.

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NOTES

1 Bn. (at Wrentham) was transferred from 6th Provl. Bde., and joined at Guildford on 28/11/16. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 11/Norf. (T.F.).

2 Bn. (at Aldeburgh) was transferred from 6th Provl. Bde., and joined at Guildford on 24/11/16. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 29/Lond. (T.F.).

3 Bn. (at Southwold) was transferred from 6th Provl. Bde., and joined at Guildford on 26/11/16. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 30/Lond. (T.F.).

4 Formed at Farnham on 11/11/16.

5 Formerly 25/Garr. Bn., Middx.; became 25/Middx. on 1/11/16, and joined on 3/11/16. Bn. left Bde. and embkd. at Devonport on 22/12/16. Bn. reached Hong Kong on 1/4/17 and left Hong Kong on 27/7/18. Bn. disembkd. Vladivostock on 3/8/18 and reached Omsk on 26/10/18. Bn. left Omsk on 21/5/19, embkd. Vladivostock on 7/9/19, and disembkd. at Glasgow in Nov., 1919. Bn. then returned to London and was disbanded.

6 Bn. (at Dunwich) was transferred from 6th Provl. Bde., and joined at Fleet on 30/11/16. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 16/Essex (T.F.).

7 Bns. formerly in 190th Bde., 63rd Div., were transferred and joined at Andover and Basingstoke on 29/11/16.

8 Bdes. formed on 13/11/16.

9 6th Provl. Bde. Fd. Bty. joined on 27/11/16 and became A/CCCL. On 1/1/17 A became 1208 Fd. Bty. (6, 18-pdr. Q.F.).

10 Formerly A/CCCXXI; joined on 29/11/16 and became B/CCCL (6, 18-pdr. Q.F.).

11 Formerly A/CCCXX; joined on 27/11/16 and became C (H.)/CCCL (4, 4·5" Hows.).

12 Formerly A/CCCXXII; joined on 29/11/16 and became A/CCCLI (6, 18-pdr. Q.F.).

13 6, 18-pdr. Q.F.

14 4, 4·5" Hows.

15 6th Provl. Bde. Ammn. Coln. joined on 27/11/16 and became 71st D.A.C.

16 2/1/Dundee Fortress Coy. joined on 27/11/16 and became a Fd. Coy. On 3/2/17 the Fd. Coy. was numbered 548th.

17 2/3/Lanc. Fortress Coy. joined on 12/12/16 and became a Fd. Coy. On 3/2/17 the Fd. Coy. was numbered 549th.

18 6/Provl. Fd. Coy. joined on 14/11/16. Later the Fd. Coy. was made W. Lanc. Fd. Coy., and on 3/2/17 was numbered 645th.

19 6th Provl. Bde. Sig. Sec. joined on 7/11/16, and on 13/11/16 became Div. Sig. Coy.

20 6th Provl. Bde. Fd. Amb. joined on 26/11/16: A Sec. formed 301st Fd. Amb., C Sec. formed 302nd Fd. Amb., and B. Sec. formed 303rd Fd. Amb.

21 Train was composed of 821, 822, 823, and 824 Cos., A.S.C. 6th Provl. Bde. Coy., A.S.C. joined on 28/11/16 and formed 821 Coy.; 822 Coy. joined on 13/12/16, 823 Coy. on 18/12/16, and 824 Coy. on 30/12/16.

22 Bn. was formed at Alton and joined on 26/12/16.

23 Coy. joined on 11/1/17.

24 Sec. joined on 8/1/17.

25 Bn. was transferred to 226th Mixed Bde.

26 These 4 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve joined by 9/7/17.

27 Bn. was transferred to 226th Mixed Bde. On 1/5/18 Bn. became a Garr. Gd. Bn. at Frinton. Bn. went to France and disembkd. at Calais on 6/5/18. Bn. joined 177th Bde., 59th Div., on 10/5/18.

28 Bn. left Bde. by 9/7/17.

29 Bn. left Bde. by 29/10/17.

30 These 2 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve joined by 17/9/17.

31 Left the Div. on 26/10/17 and joined 67th Div.

32 The 6 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve (see notes 26 and 30) were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations from 27/10/17.

33 Bn. transferred to 213th Bde. by 12/11/17.

34 Bn. transferred to 212th Bde. by 12/11/17.

35 Bn. transferred to 214th Bde. by 12/11/17.

36 Bns. had left Div. by 24/12/17.

37 Bde. formed on 22/10/17 at Colchester: C (H.)/CCCL joined and became A; C (H.)/CCCLI joined and became B.

38 Fd. Coy. joined on 26/10/17, from 67th Div.

39 Bde. broken up by 7/3/18.

40 Bn. transferred to 193rd Bde., 64th Div., on 19/2/18.

41 Bn. transferred to 191st Bde., 64th Div., on 18/2/18.

42 Bn. transferred to 193rd Bde., 64th Div., on 26/2/18.

43 Bn. transferred to 226th Mixed Bde. on 5/2/18.

44 Bde. broken up by 11/3/18.

45 Bn. transferred to 192nd Bde., 64th Div., on 18/2/18.

46 Bn. transferred to 193rd Bde., 64th Div., on 25/2/18.

47 Bn. transferred to 191st Bde., 64th Div., on 25/2/18.

48 214th Special Bde. (with XLIX Bde. and 71st Div. Sig. Coy.) left the Div. on 12/2/18 and joined 67th Div.

49 Bn. left 67th Div. on 7/10/18 to join the Archangel Force as a Garr. Bn. Bn. reached Archangel on 23/10/18, and disembkd. on 24/10/18 at Bakaritza.

50 Cyclist Coy. was disbanded on 3/2/18.

51 Bde. left Div. with 214th Bde. and joined 67th Div. Bde. was disbanded by 25/3/18.

52 Bde. was disbanded on 25/2/18.

53 Bde. left the Div. on 29/1/18 and moved to Larkhill; and Bde. served at Larkhill for the remainder of the War.

54 D.A.C. was disbanded on 25/2/18.

55 Fd. Coy. left Div. by 12/2/18. Late in 1918 the Fd. Coy. went to N. Russia and joined N.R.E.F. The Fd. Coy. reached Murmansk on 27/9/18.

56 Fd. Coy. left Div. on 30/3/18. Fd. Coy. went to Murmansk and joined N.R.E.F.: advd. party disembkd. on 20/6/18 and the main body on 23/6/18.

57 Fd. Coy. left Div. on 30/3/18. Fd. Coy. went to France and disembkd. at le Havre on 23/6/18. Fd. Coy. then served on the Western Front with First, Fifth, and Third Armies.

58 Both Fd. Ambces. were disbanded on 31/1/18.

59 On 12/2/18 Fd. Ambce. was transferred (with 214th Bde.) to 67th Div. The Fd. Ambce. was then broken up.

60 Left Div. on 7/3/18.

61 824 Coy. was disbanded on 30/1/18; 823 Coy. on 13/2/18; 822 Coy. on 16/2/18; and 821 Coy. on 23/2/18.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following were attached to, or served with, the 71st Division :—

226th Mixed Brigade:—Hd. Qrs., Great Clacton—Br.-Gen. J. F. Erskine (until 24/10/17), then Br.-Gen. Hon. C. G. Fortescue (from 21/11/17), was attached to 71st Division from 13/4/17–12/2/18, when the Brigade was transferred to 67th Division.

MOUNTED TROOPS :—

2/1/Warwickshire Yeo. (Cyclists),
2/1/Herts. Yeo. (Cyclists), } joined on 26/10/17 and were attached to the 214th Bde.; transferred (with 214th Bde.) on 12/2/18 to 67th Division.

C Sqdn., 2/1/Bedfordshire Yeo., served with 71st Division from 6/3/17.

ARTILLERY :—

2/1/London Heavy Battery,
2/2/London Heavy Battery, } joined on 9/3/17. The two heavy batteries were transferred (with 226th Mixed Brigade) on 12/2/18 to 67th Division.

MACHINE-GUN COMPANIES :—

252nd Machine-Gun Company,
253rd Machine-Gun Company, } joined on 9/11/17 and were attached to 214th Bde.; transferred (with 214th Bde.) on 12/2/18 to 67th Division.

OTHER UNIT :—104th Sanitary Section, served with the 71st Division from formation to disbandment.

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71st DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This home-service division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

Late in 1916 it was decided to form three additional home-service divisions, and in November the 71st Division was formed in Hampshire and Surrey. Divisional Headquarters opened at Gostrey House, Farnham, but moved to Elmer House, Farnham, on the 11th November. The three infantry brigades assembled at Guildford, Aldershot, and Whitchurch, and the artillery concentrated at Basingstoke. To form the division the 6th Provisional Brigade (Saxmundham) was broken up. This brigade then provided four battalions, a battery, the ammunition column, a field company, signal company, field ambulances, and a company of the divisional train (see Table). The 190th Brigade (formerly part of the 63rd Division, which had been broken up) provided three more battalions; and another division found three batteries. The other units were new formations. The divisional artillery was armed with 18-pdr. Q.F. guns (6-gun batteries) and 4·5″ howitzers (4-gun batteries).

On the 1st January, 1917, all the provisional units received new designations; the four battalions were affiliated to regiments of the line, and the battery and field company were numbered. In the first week of March the division moved into the eastern counties, and concentrated at Colchester by the 8th March. Henceforward the 71st Division formed part of Southern Army, Home Forces, and was responsible for the defence of the East Coast from Mersea Island to Walton on the Naze.

For the remainder of 1917 the division remained at Colchester; but, as the Table shows, the infantry underwent some reorganization. Between July and the middle of September six graduated battalions of the Training Reserve joined the brigades. In October these six battalions were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations. In the same month the 214th Brigade was formed into a Special Brigade for possible service in Murmansk; and, for this purpose, it was filled up with A.1 men, and had attached to it a brigade of artillery (XLIX), as well as two battalions of cyclists and two machine-gun companies (see General Notes).

About this time the fate of the three home-service divisions came under consideration, and towards the end of December it was decided to break them up. On the 10th January, 1918, instructions were issued to break up the 71st Division; and, on the 12th, orders were given to Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, to break up the division with the least possible delay. Shortly afterwards the disbandment of the division was begun. On the 12th February the 214th Special Brigade (with attached troops) was transferred to the 67th Division, and this date marks the disappearance of the 71st Division as an effective unit in the scheme of Home Defence. On the 24th February G.O.C., 71st Division, reported that demobilization of the division should be completed by the 15th March. On the 1st March Major-General Dallas left the division and the command of the divisional details thereafter devolved on Colonel J. M. Home.

Gradually, as units were transferred, drafted, or broken up, the strength dwindled. On the 25th February it had been 10,931 (out of an establishment of 13,306), but by the 11th March it had shrunk to 768; and by the 8th April, 1918, the 71st Division finally disappeared from the Weekly Return of the Army at Home.

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72ND DIVISION

G.O.C.

3 November, 1916 ... ... Major-General F. S. INGLEFIELD.
6 September, 1917 ... ... } Major-General G. J. CUTHBERT.
–31 January, 1918 ... ...

G.S.O. 1.

1 Nov., 1916 } Lt.-Col. T. E. L. HILL-WHITSON.
–8 Jan., 1918

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

1 Nov., 1916 } Lt.-Col. A. W. B. WALLACE.
–20 Feb., 1918

B.-G., R.A.

2 Nov., 1916 } Br.-Gen. F. B. JOHNSTONE.
–9 Mar., 1918

C.R.E.

27 Nov., 1916 } Lt.-Col. A. O. EVANS.
–18 Oct., 1918

215th BDE.

1 Nov., '16 } Br.-Gen. P. W. HENDRY.
–17 Jan., '18

216th BDE.

2 Nov., '16 ...Br.-Gen. C. V. HUMPHRYS.

5 Feb., '17 } Br.-Gen. G. M. GLOSTER.
–10 Mar., '18

217th BDE.

1 Nov., '16...Br.-Gen. A. L. MACFIE.
16 June, '17 } Br.-Gen. DOUGLAS CAMPBELL.
–2 Feb., '18

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72ND DIVISION — ORDER OF BATTLE, 1916-1917

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1916 November (England)	215th 216th 217th	28/Provl. Bn.,[1] 70/Provl. Bn.,[2] 81/Provl. Bn.[3] 10/Som. L.I.,[4] 14/K.O.Y.L.I.,[4] 83/Provl. Bn.[5] 2/4/N.F.,[6] 2/5/N.F.,[6] 2/6/N.F.[6]	72nd[7] Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCLII[8] CCCLIII[8]	A,[9] B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	72nd D.A.C.[10]	3/1/[11] Glamorgan 2/2/[11] Glamorgan 8/Provl. Fd. Coy.[12]	72nd[13]	...	...	304th[14] (S. Midland) 305th[14] (S. Midland) 306th[14] (S. Midland)	...	...	72nd[15]
1917 May (England)	215th 216th 217th	18/R. War.,[5] 13/Linc.,[1] ; [16] 15/R. Suss.[2] 10/Som. L.I.,[17] 10/O. & B.L. I.,[5] ; [18] 14/K.O.Y.L.I. 2/4/N.F., 2/5/N.F.,[19] 2/6/N.F.	72nd Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCLII CCCLIII	1210,[9] B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	72nd D.A.C.	550th[11] (3/1/Glam.) 551st[11] (2/2/Glam.) 647th[12] (S. Midld.)	72nd	...	...	304th 305th 306th	57th[20]	...	72nd
1917 August (England)	215th 216th 217th	18/R. War., 15/R. Suss., 258th Bn.[22] 14/K.O.Y.L.I., 261st Bn.,[22] 262nd Bn.[21] 2/4/N.F., 2/6/N.F., 264th Bn.[21]	72nd Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCLII CCCLIII	1210, B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	72nd D.A.C.	550th 551st 647th	72nd	...	...	304th 305th 306th	57th	...	72nd
1917 October (England)	215th 216th 217th	18/R. War., 15/R. Suss., 258th Bn.,[25] 259th Bn.[23] ; [25] 14/K.O.Y.L.I., 261st Bn.,[25] 262nd Bn.[25] 2/4/N.F., 2/6/N.F., 264th Bn.,[25] 265th Bn.[23] ; [25]	72nd Coy., A.C.C.	CCCLII CCCLIII	1210, B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	72nd D.A.C.	550th 551st 647th	72nd	...	...	304th 305th 306th	57th	...	72nd
1917 November (England)	215th 216th 217th	18/R. War.,[24] 51/R.F. (G.),[25] 15/R. Suss., 51/D.L.I. (G.)[25] 51/R. War. (G.),[25] 51/Leic. (G.),[25] 14/K.O.Y.L.I. 2/4/N.F., 2/6/N.F.,[26] 52/R.F. (G.),[25] 51/K.O.Y.L.I. (G.)[25]	72nd Coy., A.C.C.	CCCLII CCCLIII	1210, B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	72nd D.A.C.	550th 551st 647th	72nd	...	...	304th 305th 306th	57th	...	72nd
1917 December (England)	215th 216th 217th	51/R.F. (G.),[27] 15/R. Suss.,[28] 51/D.L.I. (G.)[29] 51/R. War. (G.),[30] 51/Leic. (G.),[31] 14/K.O.Y.L.I.[32] 2/4/N.F.,[33] 52/R.F. (G.),[27] 51/K.O.Y.L.I. (G.)[34]	72nd[35] Coy., A.C.C.	CCCLII[36] CCCLIII[36]	1210, B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	72nd D.A.C.[36]	550th[37] 551st[38] 647th[38]	72nd[39]	...	...	304th[40] 305th[40] 306th[41]	57th[42]	...	72nd[43]

On the 31st January, 1918, the 72nd Division was broken up.

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NOTES

1 Bn. (at Tillingham) was transferred in Nov., 1916, from 8th Provl. Bde. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 13/Linc. (T.F.).

2 Bn. (at Burnham) was transferred in Nov., 1916, from 8th Provl. Bde. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 15/R. Suss. (T.F.).

3 Bn. (at Southminster) was transferred in Nov., 1916, from 8th Provl. Bde. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 18/R. War. (T.F.).

4 Bns. joined by 20/11/16.

5 Bn. (at West Mersea) was transferred in Nov., 1916, from 8th Provl. Bde. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 10/O. and B.L.I. (T.F.).

6 The 3 Bns. were transferred from 188th Bde. (formerly in 63rd Div.) and joined by 27/11/16.

7 Joined by 4/12/16.

8 Both Bdes. had begun to form by 20/11/16. The personnel to form 3, 18-pdr. bties. and 2, 4·5" howitzer batteries were transferred from A/CCCXXVII (65th Div.), C/CCCXXXVII, C/CCCXXXVI, and A/CCCXXXV (67th Div.), and B/CCCXLII (68th Div.).

9 8th Provl. Bde. Fd. Bty. (at Southminster) joined by 20/11/16 and became A/CCCLII. On 1/1/17 A/CCCLII became 1210 Bty. (6, 18-pdr. Q.F.).

10 6th Provl. Bde. Ammn. Coln. joined by 20/11/16 and became D.A.C.

11 These 2 Fortress Cos. joined by 20/11/16 and became Fd. Cos. In Feb., 1917, they were numbered 550th and 551st.

12 8/Provl. Fd. Coy. (at Southminster) joined by 20/11/16. Later the Coy. became S. Midland Fd. Coy., and in February, 1917, it was numbered 647th.

13 8th Provl. Bde. Sig. Sec. (at Maldon) joined by 20/11/16 and became 72nd Div. Sig. Coy.

14 8th Provl. Bde. Fd. Ambce. (at Burnham) joined by 4/12/16 and formed the 3 Fd. Ambces.

15 Train was composed of 825, 826, 827, and 828 Cos., A.S.C. 8th Provl. Bde. Coy., A.S.C. (at Southminster) joined by 4/12/16 and formed 825 Coy. The other 3 Cos. were new formations.

16 Bn. left by July, 1917.

17 Bn. left by July, 1917.

18 Bn. left by July, 1917; it was disbanded by Jany., 1918.

19 Bn. left by July, 1917; it was disbanded by Jany., 1918.

20 Sec. joined in Jany., 1917.

21 These 2 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve joined by 9/7/17.

22 These 2 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve joined by 23/7/17.

23 These 2 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve joined by 24/9/17.

24 Bn. left the Div. by 24/12/17, and it was disbanded on 17/1/18.

25 The 6 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve (see notes 21, 22, and 23) were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations from 27/10/17.

26 Bn. left the Div. by 10/12/17.

27 These 2 Bns. were transferred to 204th Bde., 68th Div., by 11/3/18.

28 Bn. was disbanded by 25/3/18.

29 Bn. was transferred to 206th Bde., 69th Div., on 15/1/18.

30 Bn. was transferred to 205th Bde., 68th Div., by 11/3/18.

31 Bn. was transferred to 207th Bde., 69th Div., on 15/1/18.

32 Bn. was disbanded by 8/4/18.

33 Bn. was disbanded by 8/4/18.

34 Bn. was transferred to 208th Bde., 69th Div., on 15/1/18.

35 Coy. was broken up by 25/2/18.

36 Both Bdes. and the D.A.C. were broken up by 25/2/18.

37 Fd. Coy. left the Div. by 8/4/18; on 23/6/18 it disembkd. at le Havre, and on 7/7/18 it joined Second Army. On 11/11/18 the Fd. Coy. was transferred to First Army.

38 Both Fd. Cos. were broken up by 8/4/18.

39 Broken up by 4/2/18.

40 Both Fd. Ambces. were broken up by 18/3/18.

41 Broken up by 11/3/18.

42 Broken up by 4/3/18.

43 Train was broken up by 8/4/18.

GENERAL NOTES

The following also served with the 72nd Division :—

105th Sanitary Section, from January, 1917–January, 1918.

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72ND DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This home-service division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

Late in 1916 it was decided to form three additional home-service divisions, and in November the 72nd Division was formed in Somersetshire. Divisional Headquarters opened at Weston and then moved to Bath. The three infantry brigades concentrated at Bath, Weston, and Clevedon, and the artillery collected at Bridgwater, with the ammunition column at Taunton. To form the division the 8th Provisional Brigade (Maldon) was broken up. This brigade then provided four battalions, a battery, the ammunition column, a field company, signal company, field ambulances, and a company of the divisional train (see Table). The 188th Brigade (formerly part of the 63rd Division which had been broken up) provided three more battalions; and 65th, 67th, and 68th Divisions transferred sufficient personnel to form five batteries. Each artillery brigade was to consist of two 6-gun 18-pdr. Q.F. batteries and one 4-gun 4·5" howitzer battery. Until the equipments were issued, Northern Command and Northern and Southern Armies loaned a section of 18-pdr. guns, or 4·5" howitzers, to each of the batteries of the 72nd Division Artillery. The other units of the division were new formations.

On the 1st January, 1917, all the provisional units received new designations: the four battalions were affiliated to regiments of the line, and the battery and field company were numbered. The division, having completed its assembly in Somersetshire, moved in January to Bedford, Wellingborough, and Northampton to replace the 62nd Division, which had gone to France. In this area the division remained until May, when it moved to Ipswich, with two of the field companies (550th and 551st) for a time at Yatesbury. The 72nd Division now formed part of Southern Army, Home Forces, and the division was responsible for the defence of the East Coast from the River Deben to Orfordness.

For the remainder of 1917 the division continued at Ipswich; but, as the Table shows, the infantry underwent some reorganization. Between July and the end of September six graduated battalions of the Training Reserve joined the brigades. In October these six battalions were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations. Very shortly after this the fate of the three home-service divisions came under consideration, and on the 21st December instructions were issued to break up the 72nd Division. On the next day orders were given to Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, to break up the division as soon as possible.

The disbandment of the division began early in 1918. Three battalions left on the 15th January, and the effective life of the division, as a unit in Home Defence, came to an end with the disappearance of the G.O.C. at the end of the month. Gradually the strength of the division dwindled as units were transferred, drafted, or broken up. By the 11th February the strength was only 8,779 (out of an establishment of 13,306). A month later the division had shrunk to 550; and by the 8th April, 1918, the 72nd Division ceased to appear in the Weekly Return of the Army at Home.

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73RD DIVISION

G.O.C.

2 November, 1916	Major-General Hon. C. E. BINGHAM.
28 December, 1916	Br.-Gen. R. DAWSON (acting).
3 January, 1917	Major-General Hon. C. E. BINGHAM.
4 April, 1917	Major-General J. C. YOUNG.
6 September, 1917	Major-General H. G. RUGGLES-BRISE.
12 January, 1918	Br.-Gen. F. L. BANON (acting).
20 January, 1918 ... ... –4 March, 1918	Major-General H. G. RUGGLES-BRISE.

G.S.O. 1.

1 Nov., 1916	Lt.-Col. E. B. C. BODDAM.
14 Dec., 1916	Major T. A. POLLOK-MORRIS (acting).
12 Jan., 1917	Major C. M. DAVIES (acting).
16 Jan., 1917	Lt.-Col. C. M. DAVIES.
1 Jan., 1918 –4 Mar., 1918	Major K. HENDERSON (acting).

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

1 Nov., 1916	Colonel C. L. MACNAB.
17 April, 1917	Major C. G. WICKHAM (acting).
24 April, 1917	Lt.-Col. F. C. DUNDAS.
1 Mar., 1918 –4 Mar., 1918	Major H. J. MACKENZIE (acting).

B.-G., R.A.

8 Nov., 1916	Br.-Gen. J. J. MACMAHON.
12 Mar., 1917	Br.-Gen. W. A. ROBINSON.
19 Nov., 1917 –4 Feb., 1918	Br.-Gen. L. A. C. GORDON.

C.R.E.

17 Nov., 1916	Lt.-Col. H. W. SANDERS.
[22 June, 1918	Lt.-Col. B. R. LAMBERT.
2 July, 1918	Lt.-Col. O. S. DAVIES.
1 Oct., 1918	Lt.-Col. R. A. NEVILL.
7 Oct., 1918	Lt.-Col. M. WHITWILL.
8 Nov., 1918	Major J. LL. LEWIS (acting).
22 Nov., 1918	Lt.-Col. G. F. EVANS.]*

* On 22/6/18 73rd Div. R.E. (Hd. Qrs., and 546th, 547th, and 648th Fd. Cos.), went to France and disembarked at le Havre on 23/6/18 (see notes 37, 38, and 39).

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218th BDE.

1 Nov., '16...Br.-Gen. H. MARTIN.
17 Mar., '17...Br.-Gen. W. M. WITHYCOMBE.
10 July, '17 –31 Jan., '18 } Br.-Gen. A. MARTYN.

219th BDE.

1 Nov., '16...Br.-Gen. R. DAWSON.
7 Sept., '17 –22 Feb., '18 } Br.-Gen. F. L. BANON.

220th BDE.

1 Nov., '16 –27 Feb., '18 } Br.-Gen. F. F. W. DANIELL.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also were attached to, or served with, the 73rd Division :—

CYCLIST BATTALIONS :—1/8/Essex (Cyclist), from January–October, 1917; and **2/7/Devon (Cyclist),** from October, 1917–January, 1918.

OTHER UNIT :—106th Sanitary Section, served with the Division from formation to disbandment.

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73RD DIVISION — ORDER OF BATTLE, 1916-1917

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1916 November (England)	218th 219th 220th	41/Provl. Bn.,[1] 42/Provl. Bn.,[2] 44/Provl. Bn.[3] 8/Dorset.,[4] 13/L.N.L.,[5] 45/Provl. Bn.[6] 2/4/Gr. How.[7] 2/5/Gr. How.,[7] 17/Gr. How.[8]	73rd Div. Cyclist Coy.[9]	CCCLIV[10] CCCLV[10]	A[11] B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	73rd D.A.C.[12]	1/6/Kent[13] 1/7/Kent[13] 9/Provl. Fd. Coy.[14]	73rd[15]	...	...	307th[16] (Home Counties) 308th[16] (Home Counties) 309th[16] (Home Counties)	...	...	73rd[17]
1917 May (England)	218th 219th 220th	12/K.O.,[1] 26/King's,[3] 14/L.N.L.[2] 8/Dorset., 13/L.N.L., 28/Manch.[6] 2/4/Gr. How., 2/5/Gr. How., 17/Gr. How.	73rd Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCLIV CCCLV	1211,[11] B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	73rd D.A.C.	546th[13] (1/6/Kent) 547th[13] (1/7/Kent) 648th[14] (E. Lanc.)	73rd	...	...	307th 308th 309th	58th[18]	...	73rd
1917 August (England)	218th 219th 220th	12/K.O., 26/King's, 14/L.N.L., 267th Bn.[20] 8/Dorset., 13/L.N.L., 28/Manch., 270th Bn.[19] 2/4/Gr. How., 2/5/Gr. How., 17/Gr. How., 273rd Bn.,[20] 274th Bn.[19]	73rd Div. Cyclist Coy.	CCCLIV CCCLV	1211, B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	73rd D.A.C.	546th 547th 648th	73rd	...	...	307th 308th 309th	58th	...	73rd
1917 October (England)	218th 219th 220th	12/K.O., 26/King's, 14/L.N.L., 267th Bn.[22] 8/Dorset., 13/L.N.L., 28/Manch., 270th Bn.[22] 2/4/Gr. How., 2/5/Gr. How., 17/Gr. How.,[21] 273rd Bn.,[22] 274th Bn.[22]	73rd Coy., A.C.C.	CCCLIV CCCLV	1211, B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	73rd D.A.C.	546th 547th 648th	73rd	...	...	307th 308th 309th	58th	...	73rd
1917 November (England)	218th 219th 220th	12/K.O., 26/King's, 52/Leic. (G.),[22] 14/L.N.L.[23] 8/Dorset.,[24] 13/L.N.L., 52/K.O.Y.L.I. (G.),[22] 28/Manch. 52/R. War. (G.),[22] 2/4/Gr. How.,[25] 2/5/Gr. How., 52/D.L.I. (G.)[22]	73rd Coy., A.C.C.	CCCLIV CCCLV	1211, B ; C (H.) A, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	73rd D.A.C.	546th 547th 648th	73rd	...	...	307th 308th 309th	58th	...	73rd

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1917 December (England)	218th	12/K.O.,[26] 26/King's,[27] 52/Leic. (G.)[28]	73rd Coy.,[35] A.C.C.	CCCLIV[36]	1211, B ; C (H.)	...	...	...	73rd D.A.C.[36]	546th[37]	73rd[40]	...	...	307th[41]	58th[43]	...	73rd[44]
	219th	13/L.N.L.,[29] 52/K.O.Y.L.I. (G.),[30] 28/Manch.[31]		CCCLV[36]	A, B ; C (H.)					547th[38]				308th[41]			
	220th	52/R. War. (G.),[32] 2/5/Gr. How.,[33] 52/D.L.I. (G.)[34]								648th[39]				309th[42]			

On the 4th March, 1918, the 73rd Division was broken up.

NOTES

1 Bn. (at Westgate) was transferred in Nov., 1916, from 9th Provl. Bde. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 12/K.O. (T.F.).

2 Bn. (at Broadstairs) was transferred in Nov., 1916, from 9th Provl. Bde. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 14/L.N.L. (T.F.).

3 Bn. (at Ramsgate) was transferred in Nov., 1916, from 9th Provl. Bde. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 26/King's (T.F.).

4 Bn. raised on 1/9/16 at Wool as 2/Garr. Bn., Dorset. On 1/11/16 Bn. became 8/Dorset., and on 7/11/16 Bn. joined 219th Bde. at Blackpool.

5 By 1/12/16 the Bn. had begun to form in the Bde. area.

6 Bn. (at Margate) was transferred in Nov., 1916, from 9th Provl. Bde. On 1/1/17 Bn. became 28/Manch. (T.F.).

7 The 2 Bns. were transferred from 189th Bde. (formerly in 63rd Div.) at Catterick, and they joined 220th Bde. on 9/11/16.

8 Bn. joined by 1/12/16.

9 Coy. joined by 18/12/16.

10 Both Bdes. had begun to form by 20/11/16. To assist in forming the batteries, personnel was transferred from other divisions.

11 9th Provl. Bde. Fd. Bty. (at Minster) joined by 4/12/16 and became A/CCCLIV. On 1/1/17 A/CCCLIV became 1211 Bty. (6, 18-pdr. Q.F.).

12 9th Provl. Bde. Ammn. Col. joined by 20/11/16 and became D.A.C.

13 These 2 Fortress Cos. joined by 20/11/16 and became Fd. Cos. In Feb., 1917, they were numbered 546th and 547th.

14 9th Provl. Fd. Coy. (at Margate) joined by 20/11/16. Later the Coy. became E. Lanc. Fd. Coy., and in Feb., 1917, it was numbered 648th.

15 9th Provl. Bde. Sig. Sec. (at Margate) joined by 20/11/16 and became Div. Sig. Coy.

16 9th Provl. Fd. Ambce. (at Margate) joined on 23/11/16 and formed the 3 Fd. Ambces.

17 Train was composed of 829, 830, 831, and 832 Cos., A.S.C. 9th Provl. Bde. Coy., A.S.C. (at Margate) joined by 20/11/16 and formed 829 Coy. The other 3 Cos. were new formations.

18 Joined on 24/1/17.

19 These 2 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve joined by 9/7/17.

20 These 2 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve joined by 23/7/17.

21 Bn. was disbanded by 5/11/17.

22 The 4 Graduated Bns. of the Training Reserve (see notes 19 and 20) were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations from 27/10/17.

23 Bn. was gradually drafted, and finally disappeared by 17/12/17.

24 Bn. was gradually drafted, and finally disappeared by 3/12/17.

25 On 16/7/17 2/4/Gr. How. began to be drafted at Chelmsford, and by 31/7/17 the strength was reduced to 12 offrs. and 174 o.r. On 21/12/17 Bn. completed disbandment at Chelmsford.

26 Bn. was disbanded by July, 1918.

27 Bn. was disbanded in 1919.

28 Bn. was transferred on 17/1/18 to 207th Bde., 69th Div.

29 Bn. was disbanded by August, 1918.

30 Bn. was transferred in January, 1918, to 208th Bde., 69th Div.

31 Bn. was disbanded by November, 1918.

32 Bn. was transferred by 11/3/18 to 205th Bde., 68th Div.

33 Bn. was disbanded at Chelmsford in March, 1918.

34 Bn. was transferred on 15/1/18 to 206th Bde., 69th Div.

35 Coy. was broken up by 1/4/18.

36 Both Bdes. and the D.A.C. were broken up by 25/2/18.

37 Fd. Coy. went to France. It disembkd. at le Havre on 23/6/18, and it worked in Third Army Area from 7/7/18. Fd. Coy. was transferred to Fourth Army on 11/11/18 ; and on 4/6/19 it was disbanded at Candas.

38 Fd. Coy. went to France. It disembkd. at le Havre on 23/6/18, and it worked in Third Army Area from 7/7/18. On 4/6/19 it was disbanded at Candas.

39 Fd. Coy. went to France. It disembkd. at le Havre on 23/6/18, and it worked in Fourth Army Area from 7/7/18. On 1/5/19 it was disbanded at Candas.

40 Sig. Coy. was disbanded by 25/3/18.

41 Both Fd. Ambces. were disbanded by 18/3/18.

42 Disbanded by 1/4/18.

43 Disbanded by 4/3/18.

44 Train was disbanded by 8/4/18.

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73RD DIVISION

FORMATION AND NARRATIVE

This home-service division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

Late in 1916 it was decided to form three additional home-service divisions, and in November the 73rd Division was formed at Blackpool. Divisional Headquarters opened at Blackpool, and the three infantry brigades and the divisional troops gradually assembled there. To form the division the 9th Provisional Brigade (Margate) was broken up. This brigade then provided four battalions, a battery, the ammunition column, a field company, signal company, field ambulances, and a company of the divisional train (see Table). The 189th Brigade (formerly part of the 63rd Division which had been broken up) provided two more battalions; and personnel to assist in forming five batteries was transferred from other home-service divisions. Each artillery brigade was to consist of two 6-gun 18-pdr. Q.F. batteries and one 4-gun 4·5″ howitzer battery. The other units of the division were new formations.

On the 1st January, 1917, all the provisional units received new designations: the four battalions were affiliated to regiments of the line, and the battery and field company were numbered. Having completed its assembly at Blackpool, the division moved, between the 5th–18th January, into Essex and Hertfordshire. It was then quartered as follows: Divisional Headquarters at Boreham House, near Chelmsford; 218th Brigade at Witham, Terling, and Kelvedon; 219th Brigade at Danbury and Maldon; 220th Brigade at Chelmsford, Widford, and Arbour Lane; mounted troops at Wickford and Southminster; artillery headquarters at Chelmsford, with the brigades at Danbury and Great Leighs; engineers at Witham and Chelmsford; and the signal company at Hitchin. The 73rd Division now formed part of Southern Army, Home Forces.

Except that the 219th Brigade moved to Southend in October, the stations named above were maintained during 1917. The time was occupied in training, particularly with regard to improving the physique of the men; and in this latter respect it was successful. During the year, as the Table shows, the infantry underwent some reorganization. During July four graduated battalions of the Training Reserve joined the brigades; and in October these four battalions were affiliated to line regiments and adopted territorial designations.

Towards the end of the year, however, the fate of the three home-service divisions came under consideration, and on the 21st December instructions were issued to break up the 73rd Division. On the following day orders were given to Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, to break up the division as soon as possible.

The disbandment of the division began early in 1918. In January three battalions left, in February the artillery was broken up; and with the disappearance of the G.O.C., early in March, the life of the division came to an end as an effective unit in Home Defence. Gradually, as units were transferred, drafted, or broken up, the strength dwindled. By the end of February the division was reduced to 6,769 (out of an establishment of 13,306), and by the 25th March it had shrunk to 573. Finally on the 8th April, 1918, the 73rd Division ceased to appear in the Weekly Return of the Army at Home.

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74TH (YEOMANRY) DIVISION

G.O.C.

4 March, 1917 ... ... Major-General E. S. GIRDWOOD.

G.S.O. 1.

10 Mar., 1917...Major C. R. ROBERTS-WEST (acting).
12 Mar., 1917...Lt.-Col. P. S. ALLAN.
7 April, 1918...Major C. R. ROBERTS-WEST (acting).
10 April, 1918...Lt.-Col. A. C. TEMPERLEY.
[12 Nov., 1918...Lt.-Col. C. N. F. BROAD.]

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

9 Mar., 1917...Captain H. J. BUTCHART (acting).
11 Mar., 1917...Lt.-Col. R. B. COUSENS.

B.-G., R.A.

11 July, 1917...Br.-Gen. L. J. HEXT.*

C.R.E.

24 Mar., 1917...Lt.-Col. R. P. T. HAWKSLEY.
11 Aug., 1917...Major A. GLEN (acting).
24 Sept., 1917...Lt.-Col. W. R. IZAT.

229th BDE.

[1 April, '12]...Br.-Gen. R. HOARE** (wounded, 9/9/18).
9 Sept., '18 ...Lt.-Col. C. J. H. SPENCE-JONES (acting).
11 Sept., '18 ...Br.-Gen. F. S. THACKERAY.

230th BDE.

[18 Feb., '17]...Br.-Gen. A. J. MCNEILL (sick, 12/12/17).
12 Dec., '17 ...Lt.-Col. F. W. JARVIS (acting).
21 Dec., '17 ...Br.-Gen. H. B. ORPEN-PALMER.
12 Feb., '18 ...Br.-Gen. W. J. BOWKER.
1 July, '18 ...Br.-Gen. A. A. KENNEDY.

231st BDE.

[4 April, '12]...Br.-Gen. E. A. HERBERT.***
28 April, '17 ...Lt.-Col. LORD KENSINGTON (acting).
5 May, '17 ...Br.-Gen. W. J. BOWKER (sick, 21/7/17).
21 July, '17 ...Lt.-Col. LORD KENSINGTON (acting).
2 Sept., '17 ...Br.-Gen. C. E. HEATHCOTE.

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* Reached 74th Div. area on 25/7/17.

** Commanded 2/South-Western Mtd. Bde. from 1/4/1912. Col. Hoare became Br.-Gen. on 5/8/14. 2/S.-Wn. Mtd. Bde. became 2nd Dismtd. Bde.; and 2nd Dismtd. Bde. on 15/1/17 became 229th Bde.

***Commanded Welsh Border Mtd. Bde. from 4/4/1912. Col. Herbert became Br.-Gen. on 5/8/14. Welsh Border Mtd. Bde. became 4th Dismtd. Bde.; and 4th Dismtd. Bde. on 14/1/17 became 231st Bde.

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74TH[1] (YEOMANRY) DIVISION

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1917-1918

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1917 April (Palestine)	229th[2] ... 230th[9] ... 231st[16] ...	16 (R. 1st Dev. & R.N. Dev. Yeo. Bn.) Devon.,[3] 12 (W. Som. Yeo. Bn.) Som. L.I.,[4] 12 (Ayr. & Lanark. Yeo. Bn.) R.S.F.,[5] 14 (Fife & Forfar. Yeo. Bn.) B.W.;[6] 4th M.G Coy.;[7] 229th T.M. Bty.[8] 10 (R.E.Kent & W. Kent Yeo. Bn.) Buffs,[10] 12 (Norf. Yeo. Bn.) Norf.,[11] 15 (Suff. Yeo. Bn.) Suff.,[12] 16 (Sussex Yeo. Bn.) R. Suss.;[13] 209th M.G. Coy.;[14] 230th T.M. Bty.[15] 24 (Denbigh. Yeo. Bn.) R.W.F.,[17] 25 (Montgomy. & Welsh Horse Yeo. Bn.) R.W.F.,[18] 24 (Pemb. & Glam. Yeo. Bn.) Welsh,[19] 10 (Shrop. & Ches. Yeo. Bn.) K.S.L.I.;[20] 210th M.G. Coy.;[21] 231st T.M. Bty.[22]	ASqdn.[23] 1/2/ Lond. Yeo.	XLIV[24]; [39] ... CXVII[25]; [40] CCLXVIII[26]; [41]	A [340], B [382] A, B; C (H.) A, B[366]; C (H.)	...	...	...	74th D.A.C.[27]	5/R.[28] Monmouth 5/R.[29] Anglesey	74th[30]	...	...	229th[31] 230th[32] 231st[33]	59th[34]	...	74th[35]
1918 April (Palestine)	229th ..... 230th 231st	16/Devon., 12/Som. L.I., 12/ R.S.F.,[36] 14/B.W.; 4th M.G. Coy.;[45] 229th T.M. Bty. 10/Buffs, 12/Norf.,[37] 15/ Suff., 16/R. Suss.; 209th M.G. Coy.;[45] 230th T.M. Bty. 24/R.W.F.,[38] 25/R.W.F., 24/ Welsh, 10/K.S.L.I.; 210th M.G. Coy.;[45] 231st T.M. Bty.	...	XLIV[39] ..... CXVII[40]	340, 382, 425; D (H.) 366, A, B; D (H.)	...	...	...	74th D.A.C.	5/R. Monmouth 5/R. Anglesey 439th[42] (2/1/ Cheshire)	74th	1/12/ L.N.L.[43] (P.)	...	229th 230th 231st	59th	...	74th
1918 June (France)	229th ..... 230th 231st	16/Devon., 12/Som. L.I., 14/ B.W.; 229th T.M. Bty. 10/Buffs, 15/Suff., 16/R. Suss.; 230th T.M. Bty. 25/R.W.F., 24/Welsh, 10/ K.S.L.I.; 231st T.M. Bty.	...	XLIV ..... CXVII	340, 382, 425; D (H.) 366, A, B; D (H.)	...	X.7[44] Y.7[44]	...	74th D.A.C.	5/R. Monmouth 5/R. Anglesey 439th (2/1/ Cheshire)	74th	1/12/ L.N.L. (P.)	No. 74 Bn.,[45] M.G.C.	229th 230th 231st	59th	985th[46]	74th

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NOTES

The formation of the division, recommended on 23/2/17, was approved on 25/2/17. The number 74 was then allotted to the new division. On 4/3/17, 74th Division began to form at el'Arish.

2 2nd Dismtd. Bde. (formerly 1/2/South-Western Mtd. Bde. and parts of Highld. and Lowland Mtd. Bdes.) was re-designated 229th Inf. Bde. at el Ferdan on 15/1/17. Bde. joined 74th Div. at el'Arish, 7-9/3/17.

3 Regts. served in 2nd Dismtd. Bde.; amalgamated on 4/1/17 (antedated, 21/12/16); designated 16/Devon. in Febry., 1917; joined 74th Div., with 229th Bde., on 7/3/17.

4 Regt. served in 2nd Dismtd. Bde.; reorganized 4/1/17; designated 12/Som. L.I. on 8/2/17; joined 74th Div., with 229th Bde., on 8/3/17.

5 Regts. served in 2nd Dismtd. Bde.; amalgamated on 4/1/17; designated 12/R.S.F. in Febry., 1917; joined 74th Div., with 229th Bde., on 9/3/17.

6 Regt. served in 2nd Dismtd. Bde.; reorganized on 14/1/17 (antedated, 21/12/16); designated 14/B.W. in Jany., 1917; and joined 74th Div., with 229th Bde., on 8/3/17.

7 Formerly 2nd Dismtd. Bde. M.G. Coy.; became 4th M.G. Coy. on 14/1/17; joined 74th Div., with 229th Bde., 8-17/3/17.

8 Formed in 229th Bde. on 22/5/17. 3·7" T.Ms. replaced by Stokes T.Ms. on 24/8/17.

9 3rd Dismtd. Bde. (formerly Eastern and South-Eastern Mtd. Bdes.) was re-designated 230th Inf. Bde. on 14/1/17. Bde. joined 74th Div. at Deir el Balah, 9-13/4/17.

10 Regts. served in 3rd Dismtd. Bde.; amalgamated on 1/2/17 and designated 10/Buffs; joined 74th Div., with 230th Bde., on 13/4/17.

11 Regt. served in 3rd Dismtd. Bde.; reorganized on 7/2/17; designated 12/Norf. on 11/2/17; joined 74th Div., with 230th Bde., 12/4/17.

12 Regt. served in 3rd Dismtd. Bde.; reorganized on 5/1/17; designated 15/Suff. on 19/2/17; joined 74th Div., with 230th Bde., on 9/4/17.

13 Regt. served in 3rd Dismtd. Bde.; reorganized on 3/1/17; designated 16/R. Suss. on 28/2/17; joined 74th Div., with 230th Bde., on 10/4/17.

14 Formerly 3rd Dismtd. Bde. M.G. Coy.; became 209th M.G. Coy. on 14/1/17; joined 74th Div., with 230th Bde., on 9 and 10/4/17.

15 Formed in 230th Bde. on 27/5/17.

16 4th Dismtd. Bde. (formerly Welsh Border and S. Wales Mtd. Bdes.) was re-designated 231st Inf. Bde. on 14/1/17. Bde. joined 74th Div. at Khan Yunis, 1-6/4/17.

17 Regt. served in 4th Dismtd. Bde.; reorganized on 23/12/16; designated 24/R.W.F. in Febry., 1917; joined 74th Div., with 231st Bde., on 4/4/17.

18 Regts. (Montgomy., from 4th Dismtd. Bde., and Welsh Horse, from 3rd Dismtd. Bde.) amalgamated at Helmie on 4/3/17 and designated 25/R.W.F.; joined 74th Div., with 231st Bde., on 5/4/17.

19 Regts. served in 4th Dismtd. Bde.; amalgamated on 2/2/17 and designated 24/Welsh; joined 74th Div., with 231st Bde., on 1/4/17.

20 Regts. served in 4th Dismtd. Bde.; amalgamated on 2/3/17 and designated 10/K.S.L.I.; joined 74th Div., with 231st Bde., on 3/4/17.

21 Formerly 4th Dismtd. Bde. M.G. Coy.; became 210th M.G. Coy. on 21/1/17; joined 74th Div., with 231st Bde., on 6/4/17.

22 Formed in 231st Bde. by 15/5/17.

23 Sqdn. joined 74th Div. at Khan Yunis on 5/4/17. Sqdn. left 74th Div. on 23/8/17; Sqdn. joined up on 28/8/17 with 1/2/County of Lond. Yeo. (XX Corps Cav. Regt.).

24 XLIV(H.) went to France in Aug., 1914, with 2nd Div.; and, on 26/5/16, the Bde. was broken up in France. XLIV was reformed in England with 340, 382, and 399 Bties. XLIV disembkd. at Alexandria on 27/5/17, and reached Sidi Bishr on 2/6/17. At Sidi Bishr XLIV reorganized from 3 (13-pdr. 4-gun) Bties. into 2 (18-pdr. 6-gun) Bties.—399 was broken up and completed 340 and 382. 340 and 382 were then lettered A and B. XLIV joined 74th Div. at Rafa on 3/7/17.

25 CXVII (from 26th Div.) disembkd. (from Salonika) at Alexandria on 5/7/17, with A, B, C, and D (H.) Bties.—12, 18-pdrs. and 4, 4·5" hows. Bde. reached el Ferdan on 6/7/17 and reorganized—C was broken up to complete A and B to 6, 18-pdrs. each, and D (H.) was designated C (H.). CXVII joined 74th Div. at Deir el Balah on 9/8/17.

26 CCLXVIII was formed at el Ferdan on 17/6/17. B/CCCI (from 60th Div. in Macedonia) joined at el Ferdan on 17/6/17 and became A/CCLXVIII; D (H.)/CCCII (from 60th Div. in Macedonia) joined at el Ferdan on 19/6/17 and became C (H.)/CCLXVIII. CCLXVIII joined 74th Div. on 23/7/17 at Deir el Balah. On 11/9/17, 366/CXLVI (from 28th Div. in Macedonia) joined and became B/CCLXVIII. [The original CCLXVIII (IV Welsh) in 53rd Div. had been renumbered CCLXVI on 25/12/16.]

27 Formed between 21/6-10/7/17 from portions of ammn. colns. of XLIV and CXVII, and draft from General Base Depôt; on 22/8/17 horses and mules began to join from Remount Depôt, Alexandria. In Aug., 1917, the D.A.C. joined 74th Div. On 13/4/18 the D.A.C. was reorganized at Sarafand.

28 Coy. reached divnl. area between 12-19/4/17, and joined 74th Div. at Deir el Balah.

29 Coy. joined 74th Div. on 14/4/17 at Deir el Balah.

30 On 2/3/17 H.Q. and No. 1 Sec. began to form in Alexandria; and on 26/3/17 H.Q. and No. 1 Sec. reported, at Rafa, to H.Q., 74th Div.

31 By E.E.F. Order No. 26, of 14/1/17, Highland Mtd. Bde. Fd. Amb. and Lowland Mtd. Bde. Fd. Amb. formed and became 229th Fd. Amb.

32 By E.E.F. Order No. 26, of 14/1/17, Eastern Mtd. Bde. Fd. Amb. and South-Eastern Mtd. Bde. Fd. Amb. formed and became 230th Fd. Amb.

33 By E.E.F. Order No. 26, of 14/1/17, South-Western Mtd. Bde. Fd. Amb. and Welsh Border Mtd. Bde. Fd. Amb. formed and became 231st Fd. Amb.

34 Joined on 13/4/17 at Deir el Balah.

35 When 42nd Div. left Egypt for France, in Feb., 1917, the 42nd Div. Train (447, 448, 449, 450 Cos., A.S.C.) was left behind in Egypt. On 20/3/17 the Train was attached to the 53rd Div., for the Gaza operations. On 1/4/17 the Train joined 74th Div.; and, on 13/4/17, it was re-designated 74th Div. Train.

36 Bn. left 74th Div. (in France) on 21/6/18, and joined 94th Bde., 31st Div., on 21/6/18.

37 Bn. left 74th Div. (in France) on 21/6/18, and joined 94th Bde., 31st Div., on 21/6/18.

38 Bn. left 74th Div. (in France) on 21/6/18, and joined 94th Bde., 31st Div., on 21/6/18.

39 Between 11-17/4/18 XLIV was reorganized at Sarafand: A was again designated 340, and B resumed 382; A/CCLXVIII joined and became C, and then resumed its old number—425 (see note 41); and C (H.)/CCLXVIII joined and became D (H.). In May, 1918 (after arrival in France), D (H.) was made up to 6 hows.

40 On 13/4/18, CXVII was reorganized at Lydda: B/CCLXVIII joined and then resumed its old number—366; and C (H.) became D (H.). On 21/5/17, at Noulette, D (H.) was made up to 6 hows.

41 On 21/3/18, A/CCLXVIII left to rejoin 60th Div.; the Bty. rejoined CCCI and again became B/CCCI. On 20/3/18 425 arrived, and, on 21/3/18, 425 became A/CCLXVIII. Between 13-21/4/18 CCLXVIII was broken up at Lydda; A [425] joined XLIV, and resumed its old number—425; B [366] joined CXVII, and resumed its old number—366; and C (H.) joined XLIV, and became D (H.)/XLIV.

42 On 9/4/18 the Fd. Coy. (from 53rd Div.) joined 74th Div. at Ramle.

43 Bn was transferred from 60th Div., and on 10/4/18 Bn. joined 74th Div. at Sarafand.

44 In May, 1918, D.T.M.O. came from Egypt to France with 74th Div., and went to Fifth Army T.M. School on 28/5/18. On 1/6/18 X and Y were formed at Fifth Army T.M. School; on 12/6/18 X and Y joined 74th Div. at Houvin Houvigneul; and on 14/6/18 X and Y received 12, 6" (Newton) T.Ms.

45 On 11/4/18 Bn. was formed at Qantara; and between 17-30/4/18 the Bn. concentrated at Alexandria for embarkation for France. The Bn. (consisting of 4th, 209th, 210th, and 261st M.G. Cos.) embkd. at Alexandria on 30/4/18.

261st M.G. Coy. began to mobilize at Quetta on 20/12/17, and on 15/2/18 Vickers Light Automatic M.Gs. were issued to replace the Maxim M.G.s. On 21/2/18, 261st embkd. at Karachi; disembkd. at Suez on 5/3/18; and reached Tell el Kebir on 5/3/18. 261st M.G. Coy. joined No. 74 Bn., M.G.C., at Alexandria on 22/4/18.

46 Coy. was formed in the Div. by 18/5/18.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 74th Division :—

ARTILLERY :—527 (How.) Bty., R.F.A., from 7–24/3/18 (from 7th Indian Division).
16th Mountain Bty., R.G.A., from 7–9/3/18.
Hong Kong and Singapore Mountain Bty., R.G.A., from 31/10–4/11/17.

ENGINEERS :—496th (2/Kent) Field Coy., R.E., between 24/3–12/4/17 the Fd. Coy. reached Rafa (from Suez Canal Defences), and was attached to 74th Division until 25/5/17, when the Fd. Coy. was transferred to the 53rd Division. On 4/7/17 the Fd. Coy. joined 75th Division at el 'Arish.

MACHINE-GUN COMPANIES :—221st, 262nd, 264th, 271st, and 272nd Machine-Gun Companies, came from Egypt, in May, 1917, with 74th Division. On arrival in France, these companies were formed into Army Troops M.G. Bn., Fourth Army.

OTHER UNITS :—87th Sanitary Section, joined 74th Division on 22/4/17 at Deir el Balah. The Section embarked for France with the Division, on 30/4/18, at Alexandria. On 21/5/18 the Section left 74th Division and came under Fourth Army ; on 25/5/18 the Section came under XIX Corps ; on 26/6/18 under XXII Corps ; on 3/8/18 under G.H.Q. (South) ; on 8/8/18 under Fifth Army ; on 21/8/18 under XIII Corps ; and on 9/10/18 the Sanitary Section came under III Corps and served with III Corps until the end of the War.

On 21/6/18 the division was reorganized (in France) on a 9-battalion basis. On 16/5/18 the pioneer battalion had been reorganized on a 3-company basis.

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74TH (YEOMANRY) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

The division was formed in the field in 1917; it had no existence before the Great War.

On the 14th January, 1917, Egyptian Expeditionary Force Order No. 26 gave directions for the reorganization of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Dismounted Brigades of Yeomanry (then in the area of the Suez Canal Defences) and their reappearance (after reorganization) as the 229th, 230th, and 231st Infantry Brigades (see Table and Notes). Then on the 23rd February, as a result of the growing strength of the enemy, the G.O.C., E.E.F., cabled to the War Office for permission to organize the 229th, 230th, and 231st Infantry Brigades into a new division for employment in the forthcoming operations. On the 25th February the War Office approved the formation of this new division, which was to be numbered 74.

On the 4th March the 74th Division began to form at el'Arish. By the 9th March the 229th Brigade joined at el'Arish; by the 6th April the 231st Brigade reached the division at Khan Yunis; and by the 13th April the 230th Brigade joined at Deir el Balah. The field ambulances came with the infantry brigades; the cavalry squadron, field companies, veterinary section, and the divisional train all reached the division in April. The artillery, however, did not arrive in the divisional area until July and August (see Table and Notes), and only then was the 74th Division completely assembled. But, before receiving its artillery, the rest of the 74th Division took part in the Second Battle of Gaza.

During the two years of its existence the 74th Division served at first in Sinai and Palestine and then on the Western Front in France and Belgium. The 74th Division was engaged in the following operations:—

1917

INVASION OF PALESTINE

17–19 April	**Second Battle of Gaza** [In Reserve, Eastern Force].
27 Oct.–7 Nov.	**THIRD BATTLE OF GAZA** [XX Corps].
31 October	**Capture of Beersheba** [XX Corps].
6 November	**Capture of the Sheria Position** [XX Corps].
8 and 9 December ...	**Capture of Jerusalem** [XX Corps].
27–30 December	**Defence of Jerusalem** [XX Corps].

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8–12 March	**Tell 'Asur** [XX Corps].

On the 3rd April the 74th Division was warned that it would move to France in the near future. Between the 7th and 9th the division was relieved and withdrawn from the front line, and by the 13th April 74th Division had marched back and concentrated at Lydda. The divisional artillery was now reorganized, the pioneer battalion joined, and the machine-gun battalion was formed (see Table and Notes).

On the 14th April divisional headquarters moved to Qantara, and by the 20th the division completed its concentration at Qantara. On the 29th April the division began to embark at Alexandria, and it completed embarkation on the next day—except the artillery which embarked at Alexandria on the 3rd May.

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The division began to arrive at Marseille on the 7th May, 1918, and entrained for Noyelles.

By the 18th May 74th Division concentrated around Rue (in the Abbeville district). The principal training was devoted to gas defence. Towards the end of the month the division moved forward between Doullens and St. Pol, and on the 31st May 74th Division was placed in G.H.Q. Reserve. In June, whilst it was still engaged in training around le Cauroy, the division was reduced to a 9-battalion basis (see Table and Notes). Then, on the 14th July, 74th Division went into the line near Merville, on the right of XI Corps front, and took part in the following operations :—

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

SECOND BATTLES OF THE SOMME

2 and 3 September ...	**Second Battle of Bapaume** [III Corps, Fourth Army].
12–24 September	**BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE.**
18 September	**Battle of Épéhy** [III Corps, Fourth Army].
3 October–11 November	**THE FINAL ADVANCE IN ARTOIS AND FLANDERS** [XI Corps, until 10 a.m. 8/10; then III Corps, Fifth Army].

On the 9th November 74th Division crossed the Schelde, to the north of Tournai, and reached Thimougies. By 8.30 a.m. on the 11th the advanced troops of the division crossed the Dendre Canal and occupied Ath ; and here the advance was brought to an end by the Armistice.

On the 16th November the division shifted into the area Rebaix–Herinnes–Tournai, with divisional headquarters at Frasnes lez Buissenal. The division was employed on the repair of the Tournai–Leuze railway, and at the same time the organization of education was undertaken. On the 7th December the 74th Division was visited by H.M. the King. Between the 15th and the 18th December the division moved into the Lessines–Grammont–Herinnes area, with divisional headquarters at les deux Acren, near Lessines.

On the 26th January, 1919, 74th Division was represented by a composite brigade group at a ceremonial parade held at Brussels by H.M. the King of the Belgians. Throughout February drafting and demobilization progressed steadily and the division gradually dwindled. On the 16th March Major-General Girdwood left the division. By the 29th the strength of the division was only 291 officers and 3,525 other ranks. Divisional headquarters, however, remained near Lessines until the 10th July, 1919, when the 74th Division, whose very appropriate badge had been a 'Broken Spur,' passed out of existence.

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75TH DIVISION

G.O.C.

25 June, 1917 ... ... Major-General P. C. PALIN (sick, 10/12/17).
10 December, 1917 ... ... Br.-Gen. Hon. E. M. COLSTON (acting).
29 December, 1917 ... ... Major-General P. C. PALIN.

G.S.O. 1.

25 June, 1917...Lt.-Col. J. SPENCER.
6 Dec., 1917...Lt.-Col. S. H. KERSHAW.
20 May, 1918...Major G. M. GLYNTON (acting).
14 Aug., 1918...Lt.-Col. S. H. KERSHAW.
30 Aug., 1918...Lt.-Col. G. B. ROWAN-HAMILTON (sick, 18/10/18).
18 Oct., 1918...Captain W. BECKETT (acting).
29 Oct., 1918...Lt.-Col. D. OVEY.

A.-A. and Q.-M.-G.

25 June, 1917...Lt.-Col. R. L. MACALPINE-LENY.
1 Feb., 1918...Major H. N. BRIDGWATER (acting).
2 May, 1918...Lt.-Col. R. L. MACALPINE-LENY.

B.-G., R.A.

13 July, 1917...Br.-Gen. H. A. BOYCE.
25 Oct., 1918...Lt.-Col. G. N. WYATT (acting).
11 Nov., 1918...Lt.-Col. L. H. D. BROUGHTON (acting).
[7 Dec., 1918...Lt.-Col. S. S. TAYLOR (acting).]

C.R.E.

27 June, 1917...Lt.-Col. G. S. C. COOKE (sick, 18/11/17).
18 Nov., 1917...Major A. H. B. PAPILLON (acting).
30 Nov., 1917...Major C. E. WILSON (acting).
4 Jan., 1918...Lt.-Col. G. S. C. COOKE.
1 Sept., 1918...Lt.-Col. A. G. TURNER.

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232nd BDE.

15 April, '17...Br.-Gen. H. J. HUDDLESTON.

233rd BDE.

25 May, '17...Br.-Gen. Hon. E. M. COLSTON.
10 Dec., '17...Lt.-Col. E. F. COOKE-HURLE (acting).
30 Dec., '17...Br.-Gen. Hon. E. M. COLSTON.
21 June, '18...Lt.-Col. H. B. FORD (acting).
25 Aug., '18...Br.-Gen. Hon. E. M. COLSTON.

234th BDE.

26 June., '17...Br.-Gen. F. G. ANLEY (sick, 19/11/17).
19 Nov., '17...Br.-Gen. C. A. H. MACLEAN (sick, 8/4/18).
8 April, '18...Lt.-Col. G. R. CASSELS (acting).
23 April, '18...Br.-Gen. C. A. H. MACLEAN.
25 April, '18...Lt.-Col. G. R. CASSELS (acting).
7 May, '18...Br.-Gen. C. A. H. MACLEAN.
12 July, '18...Lt.-Col. G. E. S. SMITH (acting).
17 July, '18...Lt.-Col. J. N. MACRAE (acting).
21 July, '18...Lt.-Col. G. R. CASSELS (acting).
16 Aug., '18...Br.-Gen. C. A. H. MACLEAN.
2 Oct., '18...Lt.-Col. G. R. CASSELS (acting).
3 Oct., '18...Br.-Gen. F. P. C. KEILY.

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GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 75th Division :—

ARTILLERY :—VIII Mountain Bde., R.G.A. (11th Bty.—3·7″ hows. ; 13th Bty.—3·7″ hows.; and 17th Bty.—2·75″ guns), was attached to the division from 25/3–15/9/18. The Bde. was then transferred to co-operate with the 54th Division on 19/9/18 in the Final Offensive.

NOTE.—VIII Mountain Bde. (10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th Mtn. Bties.—all 3·7″ hows.) was formed at Catterick on 11/7/17. On 22/8/17 the Bde. began to move to Egypt, and began embkn. at Southampton on 23/8/17. Moving via Cherbourg and Taranto, VIII Mtn. Bde. began disembkg. at Alexandria on 12/9/17, and on 27/9/17 the Bde. began to concentrate at Sidi Bishr. The Bties. reached Egypt as follows : 10th Bty. on 12/9/17 ; 11th Bty. on 27/9/17 ; 12th Bty. on 15/2/18 ; and 13th Bty. on 29/1/18.
On 26/1/18, VIII Mtn. Bde. was reformed at Deir el Bela, and it then comprised 11th Bty. (3·7″ hows.), 13th Bty. (3·7″ hows.), and 17th Bty. (formerly A Battery, IX Mtn. Bde.—2·75″ guns). IX Mtn. Bde. was reformed at the same time as VIII ; and IX included : 10th Bty. (3·7″ hows.—transferred from VIII), 12th Bty. (3·7″ hows.—transferred from VIII), and 16th Bty. (2·75″ guns—formerly B/IX).

PIONEERS :—1/23/Sikh (P.). Bn. was attached to the division from 10/5/18–24/7/18. Bn. (less 1 Coy.) left the division on 12/7/18, and the remaining Coy. left on 24/7/18.

OTHER UNITS :—107th Sanitary Section. The Section arrived at Alexandria on 31/5/17 (from Marseille) ; and the Sanitary Section joined the division at el 'Arish on 14/7/17.

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75TH[1] DIVISION

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Secn.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1917 June (Palestine)	232nd[2] ... 233rd[3] ... 234th[14] ...	1/5/Devon.,[5] 2/5/Hants.,[4] 2/3/Gurkha Rif.;[5] 229th M.G. Coy.;[6] 232nd T.M. Bty.[7] 1/5/Som. L.I.,[9] 2/4/Hants.,[10] 3/3/Gurkha Rif.;[11] 230th M.G. Coy.;[12] 233rd T.M. Bty.[13] 2/L.N.L.,[15] 1/4/D.C.L.I.,[16] 123/Outram's Rif.;[17] 231st M.G. Coy.;[18] 234th T.M. Bty.[19]	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	496th[20] (2/Kent)	75th[21]	...	...	145th[22] 146th[23] 147th[24] 123rd[25] Ind.	60th[26]	...	75th[27]
1917 October (Palestine)	232nd..... 233rd..... 234th.....	1/5/Devon.,[28] 2/4/Som. L.I.,[29] 2/5/Hants., 2/3/Gurkha Rif.; 229th M.G. Coy.;[51] 232nd T.M. Bty. 1/5/Som. L.I., 2/4/Hants.,[30] 1/4/Wilts.,[31];[45] 3/3/Gurkha Rif.; 230th M.G. Coy.;[51] 233rd T.M. Bty. 1/4/D.C.L.I., 2/4/Dorset.,[32];[47] 58/Rif.,[33] 123/Outram's Rif.; 231st M.G. Coy.;[51] 234th T.M. Bty.[19]	...	XXXVII[34] ... CLXXII[35] ... I S. African[36]	389, 390; 405 (H.) 391, 392; 406 (H.) A, B; C (H.)[37]	...	X.75[38] Y.75[38] Z.75[38]	...	75th D.A.C.[39]	495th[40] (1/Kent) 496th (2/Kent) 10/2nd Q.V.O. S. & M.[41]	75th	...	...	145th[42] 146th[42] 147th[42] 123rd[43] Ind.	60th	...	75th
1918 June (Palestine)	232nd..... 233rd..... 234th.....	2/5/Hants.,[44] 1/4/Wilts.,[45] 72/Punjabis,[46] 2/3/Gurkha Rif.; 232nd T.M. Bty. 1/5/Som. L. I., 2/4/ Dorset.,[47] 29/Punjabis,[48] 3/3/Gurkha Rif.; 233rd T.M. Bty. 2/4/Devon.,[49] 1/4/D.C.L.I., 58/Rif., 123/Outram's Rif.; 234th T.M. Bty.	...	XXXVII ..... CLXXII ..... I S. African	389, 390; 405 (H.) 391, 392; 406 (H.) A, B; C (H.)	...	...	...	75th D.A.C.	496th (2/Kent) 10/2nd Q.V.O. S. & M. 16/2nd Q.V.O. S. & M.[50]	75th	...	75th Bn.,[51] M.G.C.	123rd[43] C.F.A. 127th[52] C.F.A. 163rd[53] C.F.A.	60th	...	75th
1918 September (Palestine)	232nd..... 233rd..... 234th.....	1/4/Wilts., 72/Punjabis, 2/3/Gurkha Rif., 3/Kashmir Rif.;[54] 232nd T. M. Bty. 1/5/Som. L.I., 29/Punjabis, 3/3/Gurkha Rif., 2/154/Inf.;[55] 233rd T.M. Bty. 1/4/D.C.L.I., 58/Rif., 123/Outram's Rif., 1/152/Inf.;[56] 234th T.M. Bty.	...	XXXVII ..... CLXXII ..... I S. African	389, 390; 405 (H.) 391, 392; 406 (H.) A, B; C (H.)	...	...	...	75th D.A.C.	496th (2/Kent) 10/2nd Q.V.O. S. & M. 16/2nd Q.V.O. S. & M.	75th	2/32/ Sikh (P.)[57]	75th Bn., M.G.C.	123rd C.F.A. 127th C.F.A. 163rd C.F.A.	60th	...	75th

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NOTES

1 The formation of the division was approved on 16/3/17, and the number 75 was allotted to it on 7/4/17. On 25/6/17 the 75th Div. began to form at el 'Arish.

2 Bde. was formed at Moascar on 14/4/17. From 5/6-20/8/17 the Bde. was attached to 54th Div., and on 20/8/17 the Bde. joined 75th Div. at Deir el Balah.

3 Bn. went to India with 43rd (Wessex) Div. in Oct., 1914. Bn. landed at Suez on 4/4/17, and joined 232nd Bde. on 14/4/17.

4 Bn. went to India with 45th (2nd Wessex) Div. in Dec., 1914. Bn. landed at Suez on 5/4/17, and joined 232nd Bde. on 14/4/17.

5 On 24/6/17 Bn. was transferred from 29th Ind. Bde. (Canal Defences); and from 29/6-16/7/17 the Bn. was attached to 233rd Bde. On 22/7/17 the Bn. joined 232nd Bde. near Deir el Balah.

6 Coy. left Grantham on 24/4/17 and disembkd. at Alexandria on 1/6/17. Coy. joined 232nd Bde. on 18/6/17 at Deir el Balah.

7 Formed by 26/7/17.

8 Bde. was formed at Zeitun (N.-E. of Cairo) on 25/5/17. Bde. took over Rafa Defences from 21/6-18/8/17. On 18/8/17 Bde. joined 75th Div.

9 Bn. went to India with 43rd (Wessex) Div. in Oct., 1914. Bn. landed at Suez on 11/5/17, and joined 233rd Bde. on 25/5/17.

10 Bn. went to India with 45th (2nd Wessex) Div. in Dec., 1914. Bn. landed at Suez on 15/5/17, and joined 233rd Bde. on 25/5/17.

11 Bn. was transferred from 29th Ind. Bde. (Canal Defences) and joined 233rd Bde. at Rafa on 30/6/17.

12 Coy. left Alexandria on 13/7/17 and joined 233rd Bde. at Rafa on 15/7/17.

13 Joined 233rd Bde near Gaza on 1/9/17.

14 Bde. was formed at el 'Arish on 25/6/17 and joined 75th Div. on that day.

15 Bn. served in East Africa with 27th (Bangalore) Bde. from 30/10/14-18/1/17 (including 21/5-18/8/16, spent in S. Africa). From E. Africa Bn. was transferred to L. of C., Egypt. Bn. was attached to 232nd Bde. on 14/4/17, to 233rd Bde. on 4/6/17, and joined 234th Bde. on 25/6/17. On 9/8/17 Bn. (as a result of a medical board) left 234th Bde. and went to Sidi Bishr. Bn. returned to L. of C. at Gaza on 17/12/17. In May, 1918, the Bn. was ordered to France; it left Port Said on 18/5/18, disembkd. at Marseille on 27/5/18, reached Racquinghem on 4/6/18, and was attached to 94th Bde., 31st Div. On 24/6/18 Bn. was attached to 103rd Bde., 34th Div., and on 28/6/18 Bn. joined 101st Bde., 34th Div.

16 Bn. went to India with 43rd (Wessex) Div. in Oct., 1914. Bn. served at Aden from 28/1/16-8/2/17. Bn. embkd. at Aden on 8/2/17, disembkd. at Suez on 13/2/17 and was employed on L. of C. On 14/4/17 Bn. was attached to 232nd Bde., on 4/6/17 to 233rd Bde., and Bn. joined 234th Bde. on 25/6/17.

17 Bn. was transferred from 29th Ind. Bde. (Canal Defences) and joined 234th Bde. at el 'Arish on 1/7/17.

18 Coy. left Grantham on 24/4/17, embkd. at Southampton on 25/4/17, disembkd. at le Havre on 26/4/17, embkd. at Marseille on 21/5/17, disembkd. at Alexandria on 1/6/17, and joined 234th Bde. at el 'Arish on 13/8/17.

19 Formed, near Qubeibe, on 7/12/17.

20 Fd. Coy. was attached to 74th Div. from 12/4-25/5/17; Coy. was transferred to 53rd Div. on 25/5/17, and on 4/7/17 Coy. joined 75th Div. at el 'Arish.

21 Coy. joined at el 'Arish (from Ismailia) on 29/7/17.

22 Joined at Deir el Balah (from Abasiya) on 14/8/17.

23 Joined at Rafa (from Abasiya) on 14/8/17.

24 Joined at el 'Arish (from Abasiya) on 14/8/17.

25 Joined at el 'Arish (from 29th Ind. Bde., Canal Defences) on 30/6/17. One section was attached to each Fd. Amb.

26 Formed at Mustafa on 11/5/17; joined 75th Div. at el 'Arish on 3/7/17.

27 Originally formed at Alexandria in March, 1917, as "X" Div. Train; it became 75th Div. Train and joined 75th Div. at el 'Arish (from Qantara) on 4/7/17. The Cos. were numbered 925, 926, 927, and 928.

28 Bn. left Bde. on 4/5/18, embkd. at Alexandria on 24/5/18, disembkd. at Marseille on 1/6/18, reached Famechon and joined 185th Bde., 62nd Div., on 6/6/18.

29 Bn. went to India with 45th (2nd Wessex) Div. in Dec., 1914. Bn. landed at Suez on 25/9/17, and on 16/10/17 joined 232nd Bde. near Deir el Balah. On 2/5/18 Bn. left 232nd Bde., embkd. at Port Said on 23/5/18, disembkd. at Marseille on 1/6/18, reached Berguette on 7/6/18, joined 34th Div. at Berthen on 19/6/18; and at Proven, on 5/7/18, became Pioneer Bn. of 34th Div., and was reorganized in 3 companies.

30 Bn. left 233rd Bde. on 2/5/18, disembkd. at Marseille on 1/6/18, joined 62nd Div. at Doullens on 6/6/18, and Bn. was posted to 186th Bde. on 14/6/18.

31 Bn. went to India with 43rd (Wessex) Div. in Oct., 1914. Bn. landed at Suez on 25/9/17, and on 15/10/17 joined 233rd Bde. near Deir el Balah.

32 Bn. went to India with 45th (2nd Wessex) Div. in Dec., 1914. Bn. landed at Suez on 29/8/17, and on 19/9/17 joined 234th Bde. near Deir el Balah. On 25/4/18 the Bn. was attached to 233rd Bde., on 1/5/18 it was lent to 232nd Bde., and on 2/5/18 it returned to 233rd Bde. The Bn. was disbanded between 3-10/8/18.

33 Bn. (from Canal Defences) joined 75th Div. on 14/9/17, near Deir el Balah. On 16/9/17 Bn. was posted to 234th Bde.

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34 CXLVI H.Q. (from 28th Div. in Macedonia) took over A [389] and B [390] from CLXXVII at Qantara on 2/9/17, and then became XXXVII Bde. On 4/9/17, XXXVII joined 75th Div. near Deir el Balah. On 16/9/17, 405 (H.) landed at le Havre from England, and on 23/9/17 the Bty. disembkd. at Alexandria from Marseille. On 9/10/17, 405 (H.)-4, 4·5″ hows.—reached Deir el Balah and became C (H.)/XXXVII. During October, 1917, the Bties. resumed their original numbers —389, 390, and 405 (H.) [Original XXXVII (H.) went to France in Aug., 1914, with 4th Div. Bde. joined 7th Div. on 24/6/15, and on 17/5/16 XXXVII (H.) was broken up.]

35 Bde. was formed in England with H.Q., 389, 390, 391, and 392 Bties. (each 6, 18-pdrs.), and B.A.C. Between 9-11/7/17 CLXXII reached le Havre from England, and on 23/7/17, the Bde. disembkd. at Alexandria from Marseille. On 29/8/17, at Alexandria, 389 and 390 Bties. became A and B/XXXVII; and 391 and 392 became A and B/CLXXII; and the B.A.C. became No. 3 Sec., 75th D.A.C. At Qantara on 2/9/17, A [389] and B [390] were handed over to XXXVII. On 5 and 6/9/17, CLXXII joined 75th Div. near Deir el Balah. On 16/9/17, 406 (H.) landed at le Havre from England, and on 23/9/17 the Bty. disembkd. at Alexandria from Marseille. On 12/10/17, 406 (H.)—4, 4·5″ hows.—reached Deir el Balah and became C (H.)/CLXXII. During October, 1917, the Bties. resumed their original numbers—391, 392, and 406 (H.).

36 H.Q., 3, 4-gun, 13-pdr. Bties., and B.A.C. embkd. at Durban on 8/7/17, disembkd. at Suez on 21/7/17, and reached Moascar on 27/7/17. On 14/8/17 the 2nd Bty. was broken up and completed the 1st and 4th Bties. to 6 guns each; 1st Bty. was then designated A, and 4th Bty. became B. On 29/8/17 the B.A.C. became No. 2 Sec., 75th D.A.C. On 6/9/17 Bde. left Qantara and reached Khan Yunis on 7/9/17. At Khan Yunis, on 9/9/17, the Bde. exchanged its 12, 13-pdr., equipments for the 12, 18-pdr. equipments of XVIII Bde., R.H.A. (of A. and N.Z. Mtd. Div.). On 12/9/17, I S. African Bde. joined 75th Div. near Deir el Balah.

37 On 11/4/18, C (H.)—4, 4·5″ hows.—from Alexandria, joined I S. African Bde. near Wadi Ballut.

38 Bties. entrained at Sidi Bishr on 1/10/17; detraining on 2/10/17, at Qantara, mortars and equipt. were handed over at the School of Mortars, E.E.F. Personnel then entrained at Qantara, detrained on 3/10/17 at Deir el Balah and took over mortars and equipt. X, Y, and Z then joined 75th Div. On 22/2/18, X, Y, and Z were disbanded; mortars and equipt. were handed in to Ordnance Stores, officers went to School of Mortars, E.E.F., and remainder of personnel went to Qantara to form 6″ batteries.

39 On 29/8/17 the D.A.C. was formed at el Ferdan, as follows: H.Q. from General Base Depôt; B Echelon from Divnl. Arty.; No. 1 Sec. from XXXVII B.A.C.; No. 2 Sec. from S. African B.A.C.; and No. 3 Sec. from CLXXII B.A.C. Vehicles, horses, and mules arrived between 29/8-19/9/17. On 3/10/17 D.A.C. marched via Pelusium–Romani–Bardawil –el 'Arish and joined 75th Div. at Sheikh Nabhan on 19/10/17 (158¾ miles in 15 marching days).

40 On 26/8/17 the Fd. Coy. was transferred from 54th Div. and joined 75th Div. near Sheikh Abbas. On 26/5/18 the Fd. Coy. rejoined 54th Div. near Wilhelma.

41 Coy. joined 75th Div. near Ramle on 7/12/17 (from Palestine L. of C.).

42 On 16/5/18, 145th, 146th, and 147th began handing over personnel, equipt., and transport to 123rd, 127th, and 163rd C.F.A.s; the surplus personnel was sent to R.A.M.C. Base Depôt, Qantara. On 19/5/18, 145th, 146th, and 147th Fd. Ambces. ceased to exist.

43 123rd Ind. F.A. became 123rd C.F.A. between 16-21/5/18 (see note 42).

44 Bn. was disbanded between 3-13/8/18.

45 Bn. was transferred from 233rd Bde. to 232nd Bde. on 3/5/18.

46 Bn. left Karachi on 1/3/18, disembkd. at Suez on 10/3/18, and went to Tell el Kebir until 25/4/18. Bn. reached Lydda on 26/4/18, and on 28/4/18 joined 232nd Bde. near Wadi Ballut.

47 Bn. was transferred from 234th Bde. to 233rd Bde. on 2/5/18; and the Bn. was disbanded between 3-10/8/18.

48 Bn. left Peshawar on 19/3/18, embkd. at Karachi on 26/3/18, disembkd. at Suez on 5/4/18, and went to Tell el Kebir until 25/4/18. Bn. reached Lydda on 26/4/18 and joined 233rd Bde. on 28/4/18.

49 Bn. went to India with 45th (2nd Wessex) Div. in Dec., 1914. Bn. disembkd. at Qantara on 26/10/17 and was employed on L. of C. On 13/12/17 Bn. joined 234th Bde. at Ramle; and on 17/8/18 the Bn. was disbanded at Wadi Ballut.

50 Coy. mobilized at Rawal Pindi between 15-28/2/18; embkd. at Karachi on 27/4/18, disembkd. at Qantara on 9/5/18, and reached Lydda on 21/5/18. Coy. joined 75th Div. at Wadi Ballut on 23/5/18.

51 Bn. was formed on 3/5/18. It consisted of 229th, 230th, and 231st M.G. Cos.

52 The Fd. Amb. came from 7th (Meerut) Div. in Mesopotamia. The Fd. Amb. disembkd. at Suez on 13/1/18 and went to Moascar. On 24/3/18 the Fd. Amb. was demobilized at Moascar and on 26/4/18 it re-mobilized at Qantara. The Fd. Amb. left Qantara on 7/5/18, detrained at Lydda on 8/5/18, and on 14/5/18 the Fd. Amb. reached Wilhelma and joined 75th Div. (Also see note 42.)

53 The Fd. Amb. came from Secunderabad; it embkd. at Bombay on 18/4/18, disembkd. at Suez on 28/4/18, arrived Qantara on 3/5/18, and entrained on 5/5/18. The Fd. Amb. detrained at Lydda on 6/5/18, and on 14/5/18 it joined 75th Div. at Wilhelma. (Also see note 42.)

54 Bn. left Ferozepore on 29/6/18, embkd. at Bombay on 2/7/18, disembkd. at Suez on 13/7/18, and went to Tell el Kebir until 23/7/18. Bn. reached Lydda on 24/7/18, and on 3/8/18 joined 232nd Bde. near Rantis.

55 Bn. was formed at Basra on 24/5/18 from 4 Cos. of 102/Grendrs., 108/Inf., 119/Inf., and 122/Rajputana Inf. Bn. embkd. on 3 and 19/6/18, disembkd. at Suez on 5/7/18, left Qantara on 16/7/18, reached Lydda on 17/7/18, and on 25/7/18 joined 233rd Bde. near Rantis.

56 Bn. was formed at Amara on 24/5/18 from 4 Cos. of 24, 25, 26, and 31/Punjabis. Bn. moved to Basra on 28-29/5/18, embkd. on 22/6/18, disembkd. at Suez on 11/7/18, and went to Qantara. Bn. entrained on 17/7/18, reached Lydda on 18/7/18, and on 26/7/18 joined 234th Bde. near Rantis.

57 Bn. began to mobilize at Sialkot on 21/12/17, entrained on 15/2/18, embkd. at Bombay on 18/2/18, disembkd. at Suez on 4/3/18, and went to Qantara until 21/3/18. Bn. reached Lydda on 22/3/18; and on 20/7/18 Bn. joined 75th Div. near el Lubban.

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75TH DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

The division was formed in the field in 1917 ; it had no existence before the Great War.

On the 16th March, 1917, the War Office gave permission to G.O.C., E.E.F., to form an additional British division from the Territorial Force battalions which were arriving from India. On the 7th April, the War Office allotted the number 75 to this new division. Its three infantry brigades were to be numbered 232, 233, and 234.

The 232nd Brigade began to form at Moascar on the 14th April. On the 24th May, however, the War Office issued an order that Indian battalions were to be incorporated in the 232nd, 233rd, and 234th Brigades, so as to expedite the formation of the 75th Division ; and, in accordance with these later instructions, the 233rd Brigade began to form at Zeitun on the 25th May. Then, on the 11th June, the War Office cabled that the organization of the infantry of the 75th Division was to consist of mixed brigades of one British and three Indian battalions each ; but this indianization of the 75th Division could only be carried out gradually. On the 25th June the 234th Brigade began to assemble at el'Arish ; and on the same day the 75th Division came into existence at el'Arish.

The assembly of the division was a gradual process : one field company, the signal company, the mobile veterinary section, and the divisional train joined in July, 1917, and the field ambulances arrived in August. But, even after concentration, the arrangement of the battalions in the infantry brigades had to be changed on more than one occasion until, in July and August, 1918, the final organization of the brigades was completed. Then only did the 75th Division take on its final shape.

To complete the division rapidly with the necessary artillery was a real difficulty. On the 6th June the War Office cabled that a field artillery brigade (CLXXII) of four 6-gun 18-pdr. batteries would be sent to Egypt directly shipping became available. The brigade duly reached Alexandria on the 23rd July. This brigade formed the nucleus for two brigades of the 75th Division Artillery ; but, owing to the shortage of 4·5″ howitzers, it was October, 1917, before each of the brigades was completed by the arrival of its howitzer battery. The third artillery brigade was provided by South Africa. After it reached Egypt the I South African Brigade was reorganized in two 6-gun batteries, and in September, 1917, the two batteries exchanged their 13-pdr. equipments for 18-pdrs. ; it was April, 1918, however, before a howitzer battery arrived and completed the I South African Brigade. (See Table.)

During the three years of its existence the 75th Division served in Palestine and Egypt, and was engaged in the following operations :—

1917

INVASION OF PALESTINE

27 Oct.–7 Nov. ... ... **THIRD BATTLE OF GAZA** [XXI Corps].
6 and 7 November ... **Capture of Gaza** [XXI Corps].

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13 and 14 November ... **Capture of Junction Station** [XXI Corps].
20–24 November ... ... **Battle of Nabi Samweil** [XXI Corps].

1918

11 and 12 March ... ... **Tell 'Asur** [XXI Corps].
9–11 April ... ... **Berukin** [XXI Corps].

THE FINAL OFFENSIVE

THE BATTLES OF MEGIDDO

19 September ... ... **Battle of Sharon** [XXI Corps].

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75TH DIVISION

At the end of the fighting on the 19th September, 1918, the division went into XXI Corps Reserve near et Tire, and until the 3rd October (when the division was transferred to G.H.Q.) it was employed on salvage work and road-making. On the 22nd October the division began to move to Haifa ; and at noon on the 31st October the Armistice with Turkey came into force.

By the 13th November the division concentrated in the Lydda area. The 232nd Bde., which was at Tul Karm (on the L. of C.), rejoined the division on the 14th. Between the 2nd–10th December the division moved back to Qantara and was transferred to XX Corps. On the 27th the light trench mortar batteries were disbanded. On the 6th January, 1919, the divisional education camp opened and a course of lectures was started. On the 18th January directions were issued that certain of the Indian battalions would return to India, as shipping became available ; and by the end of February two battalions had left and four more were awaiting passage. The 18-pdr. field batteries (except South African batteries) were reduced to 4 guns each on the 1st February, and general demobilization proceeded slowly. On the 20th February notification was received that the 75th Division had been selected for the Army of Occupation. XXXVII Brigade, R.F.A., was to be retained to form the divisional artillery, three companies of sappers and miners would form the divisional engineers, one British battalion and six Indian battalions would join to complete the infantry, and the machine-gun battalion and signal company would remain. By the middle of March divisional headquarters were at Alexandria with one infantry brigade, and the other infantry brigades were at Heliopolis and Ismailia. On the 23rd March XXXVII Brigade, R.F.A., became CXCI Brigade ; on the 25th a composite infantry brigade (Br.-Gen. Hon. E. M. Colston) was formed, and it moved to Cairo on the 26th and 27th.

Divisional headquarters moved to Ismailia on the 5th April, and on the next day CLXXII Brigade, R.F.A., was transferred to 7th (Meerut) Division. I South African Brigade left 75th Division on the 28th April, and on the 29th the Brigade embarked for South Africa. Headquarters, Egypt, handed over to XX Corps on the 25th April, and XX Corps then included 10th, 54th, and 75th Divisions. The 75th Division now became responsible for the Eastern Delta up to the Suez Canal. On the 1st June this command was renamed 75th Division Area : it included Zagazig, Belbeis, and Benha sectors, as well as Port Said, Ismailia, and Suez areas, with divisional headquarters at Ismailia. Many additional units were attached to the division for the necessary garrisons and protective work in this large district. Starting in July, however, the internal trouble in Egypt showed signs of dying down, and units began to return to their home-lands. The divisional ammunition column was disbanded on the 16th August, and on the 19th a similar fate overtook CXCI (formerly XXXVII) Brigade, R.F.A. The divisional artillery then consisted of X Indian Mountain Artillery Brigade. On the 27th August Major-General Palin went on leave to England and Br.-Gen. Keily assumed temporary command of 75th Division. The 232nd Brigade was disbanded on the 17th October. On the 26th November Major-General Sir Philip Palin returned from leave and resumed command of the division.

In January, 1920, 75th Division began to dwindle, and in February the G.O.C. was informed that the division would disappear and the two infantry brigades would be amalgamated. On the 16th March the 233rd Brigade (commanded since the 16th October, 1919, by Br.-Gen. E. H. Wildblood) was broken up, and its units were absorbed by the 234th Brigade (Br.-Gen. Keily).

Finally, at noon on the 1st April, 1920, 75th Division Area and troops were transferred to 10th Division, and the 75th Division ceased to exist.

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APPENDICES

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CENTRAL FORCE

In the narratives of the home-service 2nd-line Territorial Force divisions the Central Force is mentioned several times and therefore requires a short description.

On the outbreak of the Great War the forces intended for Home Defence (after the departure of the Expeditionary Force) were organized in a group of Armies which was designated General Force, with Headquarters at the Hotel Metropole, London. During August, however, the name was changed and it was known thereafter as Central Force, a more suitable designation. Central Force was made up of the Mounted Division (Headquarters, Bury St. Edmunds), First Army (Headquarters, Bedford), Second Army (Headquarters, Aldershot), and Third Army (Headquarters, Luton)[1]—a total of 10 mounted brigades, 9, 1st-line Territorial Force divisions, and 4 cyclist battalions. By November, 1914, Second Army Headquarters had moved from Aldershot to Tunbridge Wells. Central Force although formed in Eastern Command did not form part of it. Nevertheless from June, 1915, the same General Officer acted as Commander of both Central Force and Eastern Command, and Central Force Headquarters moved from Hotel Metropole to Eastern Command Headquarters at Horse Guards, Whitehall.

In February, 1915, Central Force was composed of the following formations : 1st Mounted Division (Bury St. Edmunds), 2nd Mounted Division (Hanworth), First Army (Cambridge), Second Army (Tunbridge Wells), and Third Army (Dunmow), a total of 13 mounted brigades, 11 Territorial Force divisions (7, 1st-line and 4, 2nd-line), and 3 cyclist battalions.

By November, 1915, however, Central Force was almost entirely composed of 2nd-line Territorial Force formations, and it then included : 1/1st Mounted Division (Norwich), 2/2nd Mounted Division (King's Lynn), First Army (Mundford), Second Army (Tunbridge Wells), and Third Army (Dunmow), a total of 13 mounted brigades (3, 1st-line) and 8, 2nd-line Territorial Force divisions[2] ; with 1 armoured train (North Walsham), 2 heavy batteries, 10 cyclist battalions, and 1 infantry battalion.

On Saturday, 11th December, 1915, G.O.C.-in-C. Central Force held a conference at the Horse Guards and described the forthcoming reorganization of Central Force: Third Army was to disappear forthwith, the commander would be transferred to First Army ; the Horse Guards also had to be vacated to make room for the Commander-in-Chief and Headquarters Staff of the Forces at Home. Consequently, between Friday, 24th December, 1915, and Saturday, 15th January, 1916, Central Force Headquarters, and Eastern Command Headquarters, moved from Horse Guards, Whitehall, to 50, Pall Mall.

The end of Central Force was approaching, and on Sunday, 12th March, 1916, it ceased to exist. The troops were reorganized and placed under the direct orders of the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief Home Forces (F.-M. Viscount French) for training and operations; for administration the troops remained under Eastern Command. At the same time Central Force and Eastern Command Headquarters amalgamated under the General Officer who since June, 1915, had acted as G.O.C.-in-C. Central Force and Eastern Command. The Armies were re-formed and became Northern Army (General Sir Bruce M. Hamilton, with Headquarters at Mundford) and Southern Army (General Sir A. H. Paget, with Headquarters at Brentwood).

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[1] The Commanders of Central Force and of the three Armies are given in Appendix 1A.

[2] The narratives of the 2nd-line divisions included in this Part show the state of preparedness of these divisions for any active operations in November, 1915.

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COMMANDERS of CENTRAL FORCE and of FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD ARMIES, HOME DEFENCE FORCES

CENTRAL FORCE

G.O.C.-in-C.

Formation	General SIR IAN HAMILTON (until appointed to command M.E.F. on 12/3/15).
13 March, 1915 ... ... –12 March, 1916	General SIR H. M. L. RUNDLE.

FIRST ARMY

G.O.C.

Formation	General SIR BRUCE M. HAMILTON.
22 June, 1915 –21 Nov., 1915	General SIR H. L. SMITH-DORRIEN [apptd. to command British Forces, East Africa, 22/11/15].
11 Dec., 1915 –12 Mar., 1916	Lt.-Gen. SIR A. E. CODRINGTON.

SECOND ARMY

G.O.C.

Formation	Lt.-Gen. Hon. SIR F. W. STOPFORD.
7 June, 1915 –12 Mar., 1916	Lt.-Gen. C. L. WOOLLCOMBE.

THIRD ARMY

G.O.C.

Formation	Lt.-Gen. SIR W. E. FRANKLYN.
6 September, 1914 ... ... –11 December, 1915	Lt.-Gen. SIR A. E. CODRINGTON [transferred to First Army; and Third Army disappeared].

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GRADUATED BATTALIONS

Graduated battalions will be found in 8 of the divisions contained in this Part, and by the middle of March, 1918, the infantry of 4 home-service Territorial Force divisions was almost entirely made up of these battalions.

In 1916 regimental reserve units (including Territorial Force reserve units) were unable to cope with the numbers of recruits, and one expedient adopted for dealing with receipt, administration, training, and disposal of recruits was the formation of the corps of the Training Reserve. In this scheme the battalions comprising the various Reserve Infantry Brigades became Training Reserve Battalions, and the brigades became Reserve Brigades. Redundant battalions were broken up, some battalions were amalgamated, and the remainder (112) became 1st–112th Battalions, Training Reserve. To these 112 battalions were allotted all the recruits who were not required for regimental reserve (including T.F.) units. The units and men belonged to the corps of the Training Reserve; the officers, warrant officers, and non-commissioned officers were only attached to the units for administration and training, but continued to belong to their own corps.

The scheme was then developed to provide for the progressive training of recruits under 19 years of age. 42 (of the 112) battalions were selected for this purpose: 14 became Young Soldier Battalions and the other 28 became Graduated Battalions; both classes still belonged to the Training Reserve.

The Young Soldier Battalions received recruits, and gave them their initial training. Two of the Graduated Battalions were definitely linked to each Young Soldier Battalion, and the latter passed one company of recruits to one of its Graduated Battalions, and in due course sent another company of recruits to its other Graduated Battalion. At the outset recruits passed from Young Soldier to Graduated Battalions according to age. Later on a change was made and the stage reached in the recruit training was the criterion in the place of age. Normally recruits completed recruit training in the Graduated Battalions, and were then drafted abroad direct. In cases in which special clothing (kilts, etc.) was required the recruits were sent from Graduated Battalions to Regimental Reserve Battalions, en route for overseas.

In due course it was decided that the men in the Graduated Battalions could be used for Home Defence whilst finishing their recruit training. In accordance with this decision, from July, 1917, Graduated Battalions took the place of other units in the home-service divisions, but they were not employed in unallotted brigades. When this transfer of Graduated Battalions to the home-service divisions took place, the Graduated Battalions (still units of the Training Reserve) dropped the former numerical designations and were given high numbers (201st onward) as infantry battalions. Additional Young Soldier and Graduated Battalions were formed, and the latter were also employed in home-service divisions.

The Graduated Battalions were organized in 4 companies according to age, thus: 1 company for recruits varying between 18–18¼ years; 1 company from 18¼–18½; 1 company from 18½–18¾; and 1 company from 18¾–19 years of age. The whole of the last-named company would then be drafted to France and another 18–18¼ company joined. In this way, every three months there was a company of 19-year old men ready for drafting.

Later in 1917, it was decided that all Young Soldier and Graduated Battalions should be identified with and affiliated to Regiments of Infantry of the Line. In accordance with this decision, by the end of October, 1917, all Young Soldier Battalions became 53rd Battalions, and all Graduated Battalions became either 51st Battalions or 52nd Battalions of the regiments to which they were affiliated.

Although enlistments for the Training Reserve ceased at noon on the 11th November, 1918, yet many Graduated and Young Soldier Battalions continued to serve long after that date. Some battalions, indeed, went to France and to the Army of the Rhine.

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APPENDIX 3

THE 90-mm. FIELD GUN

Even early in 1915 there were no reasonably modern field artillery equipments available in England for issue to the newly-formed, and now concentrated, 2nd-line Territorial Force divisions. Later on, when the 1st-line Territorial Force divisional artilleries had been re-equipped with 18-pdr. Q.F. guns and 4·5″ howitzers, their original equipments (15-pdr. B.L.C. guns and 5″ howitzers) were handed over to the 2nd-line divisional artilleries. At the beginning of 1916 the 2nd-line divisional artilleries were finally re-armed with 18-pdr. Q.F. and 4·5″ howitzer equipments, which by this time had become available. But early in 1915, when the 2nd-line divisional artilleries first concentrated at their war stations, the immediate necessity was to provide them with any armament.

In many 2nd-line divisional artilleries dummy wooden guns and dummy wooden sights were made, and the wooden guns were mounted on handcarts. In this way some preliminary instruction could be given in gun drill and driving drill. However, many of the 2nd-line divisions (four by the 4th March, 1915) were posted to Central Force and allotted a part in Home Defence ; and, in the emergency of an invasion, the employment of ' Quaker ' guns would have entitled even the Chinese to smile.

To ease what was rapidly becoming a serious situation, recourse was had to France. As far back as 1897 France had begun to re-arm with the celebrated 75-mm. Q.F. field gun, and the immediate predecessor of the 75-mm. Q.F. was the 90-mm. B.L. field gun. Naturally in 1915 no spare 75-mm. were available, but some of the now rather old-fashioned 90-mm. equipments were still in store, as well as a small proportion of 90-mm. ammunition. With great generosity, France placed these guns and the ammunition at the disposal of the British military authorities for training the 2nd-line divisional artilleries, as well as for use in an emergency.

This 90-mm. B.L. field gun was equipped with both common shell (with a black powder bursting charge) and shrapnel shell. The gun had a sight (graduated in metres) which was used in conjunction with a level, graduated in degrees. The time-fuze, for use with the shrapnel, was graduated in seconds. This fuze could be set either by boring, or by a fuze-setter similar to the setter used with the 75-mm.

Unhappily only a few of these equipments were still available in 1915 (18 years after their supersession), consequently only 4 equipments could be issued to each field-gun brigade, in the fortunate divisions selected to receive them. The earliest 2nd-line divisional artillery to obtain 90-mm. equipments did so in March, 1915 ; whereas another division had to wait for them until August, 1915. Only 20 rounds were still available to issue with each 90-mm. gun, and this ammunition had lain in store for nearly a quarter of a century. The gun was quite unknown to those who were now called on to use it ; no gun handbooks were available, the graduation of the sights proved to be a stumbling-block, and to many the setting of the fuzes provided an insuperable problem.

The 90-mm. guns, however, were real weapons and a distinct advance on the home-made ' Quaker ' guns. At any rate gun drill and driving drill could be more realistically carried out, without all ranks having to overwork their imaginations ; but the scarcity of ammunition still prohibited any gun practice. Valuable as they were for drill, it is fortunate that no 2nd-line divisional artillery had to employ the 90-mm. guns actively in Home Defence.

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WORK OF THE ARMY ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT[1] AT HOME, 1914-1918

This Appendix summarises part of the work performed, in the Eastern Command during the War, by the Army Ordnance Department in equipping some of the sixteen divisions described in this Part (which were raised at home after the outbreak of War) and in supplying some of the nine divisions which served at home.

Between the 4th August, 1914, and the 4th August, 1919, the following numbers of officers and men served at the Eastern Command Depots at Colchester, Chatham, and Dover :

	Officers	Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery.	Other Ranks.
Colchester	122	6	2,356
Chatham	86	39	2,513
Dover	157	39	2,828

These officers and men equipped no fewer than 31 divisions, as well as hundreds of various units. Some idea of the work accomplished can be appreciated when it is realized that by the 4th August, 1919, the 3 Depots had issued :

628,000,000 rounds, S.A.A.,
8,000,000 blankets,
161,000 tents,
40,000 vehicles, and
68,700 bicycles.

Many of the blankets and tents were issued as often as three times, and on each issue all indents and vouchers were necessarily repeated. This work alone involved over 4,000,000 ledger entries.

Rapid changes of " Marks " of stores, as well as local purchases and new issues, all increased the ledger headings. Between 31st March, 1914, and 31st March, 1919, in one of the Eastern Command Depots the ledger headings increased from 3,178 to 5,567.

The weights of the stores handled at the three Eastern Command Depots were as follows :

Colchester ... ... 33,000 tons, in one year ;

Chatham ... ... 207,000 tons, during the War ;

Dover ... ... 35,279 railway truck-loads, during the War.

The three Eastern Command Depots dealt with 673,000 indents for general equipment and stores (exclusive of clothing). In the Eastern Command (during the War) clothing was only issued from Dover[2], and this Depot received 23,600 indents for clothing.

[1] Became Royal Army Ordnance Corps, 25/11/18 (Army Order, 363/1918).
[2] Clothing for all troops outside the Dover area was obtained either from Pimlico or from Weedon.

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APPENDIX 4

In the early days of the War resort was made to local purchase to supplement issues which were not available from Army Ordnance Depots. In the Eastern Command £474,700 was expended in this manner. The system of local purchase helped to relieve a somewhat difficult situation; though, in the case of purchases by officers commanding units, zeal occasionally outran discretion: one commanding officer purchased saddlery at a cost of £25,000.

Lord Kitchener's appeal for blankets had a splendid and instantaneous response. In the Eastern Command, 17,100 blankets were sent in as a result, and this prompt and liberal donation saved much discomfort to men who had just joined.

At the outbreak of War, and for many months thereafter, all unserviceable clothing was sold to contractors. The shortage of woollens and clothing, however, decided the authorities to open a Salvage Depot where all discarded clothing and necessaries could be received, sorted, and if possible repaired. In August, 1916, this Clothing Reception Depot was opened at Huntingdon. Everything received at this Depot was separated into 2 classes:

(i) Fit for repair. These garments were cleaned, repaired, and re-issued.

(ii) Unfit for further use. The garments were all carefully sorted, and all brass hooks and buttons were cut off. The unserviceable garments were then sent either to a rag market or to a manufacturer of cloth.

Between 1st October, 1918, and 31st March, 1919, this Salvage Depot handled:

(a) Unserviceable and surplus garments		3,669,161
(b) Of the foregoing, found fit for further service		936,355
Value at half-vocabulary rates of (b)	£210,337	
Value of produce	£88,677	

To effect this, the estimated cost of the Depot (including rent, rates, taxes, wages, and all incidental expenses) was £23,510. The staff was one Ordnance Officer (3rd Class) and one Temporary Officer. The great benefit to the Public requires no emphasis.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF 57th DIVISION (England, 1915), 58t

Appendix 5.

57th (2nd/WEST LANCASHIRE) DIVISION (England, 1915). Authority—W.E., Part IX (T.F.-2nd-Line), d/d. 6/Sept./1915.	58th (2nd/1st LONDON) DIVISI Authority—V
Divnl. H.Q.	Divnl. H.Q.
Infantry : 3 Brigades (12 Inf. Battalions, with 2 machine guns each).	**Infantry :** 3 Brigades (9 Inf. Battalions, with 36 L 3 Light Trench Mortar Batte (8, 3″ Stokes Mortars each)
Mounted Troops : 1 Yeomanry Squadron ; 1 Cyclist Company.	
Artillery : H.Q., Divnl. Artillery ; 3 Field Artillery Brigades (9 batteries—15-pdr. B.L.C.) and 3 B.A.C.s ; 1 Field Artillery (How.) Brigade (2 batteries—5″ How.) and 1 (How.) B.A.C. ; 1 Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	**Artillery :** H.Q., Divnl. Artillery ; 2 Field Artillery Brigades (8 batteries—6, 18-pdr. Q 2 Medium Trench Mortar L (6, 2″ Mortars each) ; 1 Divnl. Ammn. Coln.
Engineers : H.Q., Divnl. Engineers ; 2 Field Companies.	**Engineers :** H.Q., Divnl. Engineers ; 3 Field Companies.
Signal Service : 1 Signal Company.	**Signal Service :** 1 Signal Company.
	Pioneers : 1 Pioneer Battalion (12 Lewis Guns).
	Machine-Gun Unit : 1 Machine-Gun Battalion (4 Companies, with 16 Vick
3 Field Ambulances. 1 Sanitary Section. 1 Mobile Veterinary Section. 1 Motor Ambulance Workshop. 1 Divnl. Train.	3 Field Ambulances. 1 Mobile Veterinary Section. 1 Divnl. Employment Compa 1 Divnl. Train.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT, SEPTEMBER, 1915 (ENGLAND).			WAR ESTABLISHMENT, OCTOB
All Ranks	17,212		1
Horses and Mules	4,156		
Guns	44		
15-pdr. B.L.C.		36	
5″ Hows.		8	
Trench Mortars			
Stokes			
Medium			
Machine Guns	24		
Vickers		24	
Lewis			
Carts and Vehicles	768		
Cycles	491		3
Motor Cycles	16		
Motor Cars	13		
Motor Lorries	5		
Motor Ambulances	21		

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h DIVISION (France, 1918), and 60th DIVISION (Palestine, 1918).

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	Divnl. H.Q.
	Infantry : 3 Brigades (12 Inf. Battalions—3 British and 9 Indian—with 16 Lewis guns each) ; 3 Light Trench Mortar Batteries (8, 3″ Stokes Mortars each).
Lewis guns each) ;	
ies	
	Artillery : H.Q., Divnl. Artillery ; 3 Field Artillery Brigades (9 batteries—6, 18-pdr. Q.F. and 3, 4·5″ How.) ;
).F. and 2, 4·5″ How.) ; atteries	
	1 Divnl. Ammn. Coln.
	Engineers : H.Q., Divnl. Engineers ; 2 Field Companies ; 1 Field Company, Sappers and Miners.
	Signal Service : 1 Signal Company.
	Pioneers : 1 Indian Pioneer Battalion.
	Machine-Gun Unit : 1 Machine-Gun Battalion (3 Companies, with 16 Vickers M.G.s each).
ters M.G.s each).	
	3 Combined Field Ambulances. 1 Sanitary Section. 1 Mobile Veterinary Section. 1 Divnl. Train.
ny.	

MER, 1918 (FRANCE).		WAR ESTABLISHMENT, NOVEMBER, 1918 (PALESTINE).		
4,035		19,929		All Ranks.
3,838		6,052*		Horses and Mules.
48		48		Guns.
	36		36	18-pdr. Q.F.
	12		12	4·5″ Hows.
36		24		Trench Mortars.
	24		24	Stokes.
	12			Medium.
400		240		Machine Guns.
	64		48	Vickers.
	336		192	Lewis.
870		720		Carts and Vehicles.
341		270		Cycles.
44		29		Motor Cycles.
11		9		Motor Cars.
3		4		Motor Lorries.
21		21		Motor Ambces.

* Includes 117 camels and 52 donkeys.

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Appendix 8.

73rd DIVISION (England, 1917).
Compiled from Weekly Return of the British Army at Home and War Establishments, Part XIV (Home Service), August, 1917.

Divnl. H.Q.

Infantry :
3 Brigades
(9 Inf. Battalions, with 12 machine guns each).

Mounted Troops :
1 Cyclist Company.

Artillery :
H.Q., Divnl. Artillery ;
2 Field Artillery Brigades
(6 batteries—4, 18-pdr. Q.F. and 2, 4·5″ How.) ;
1 Divnl. Ammn. Coln.

Engineers :
H.Q., Divnl. Engineers ;
3 Field Companies.

Signal Service :
1 Signal Company.

3 Field Ambulances.
1 Sanitary Section.
1 Mobile Veterinary Section.
1 Divnl. Train.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT, NOVEMBER, 1917 (ENGLAND).

All Ranks		13,306
Horses and Mules		2,034
Guns		32
18-pdr. Q.F.	24	
4·5″ Hows.	8	
Machine Guns		108
Lewis	108	
Hotchkiss		
Carts and Vehicles		321
Cycles		603
Motor Cycles		20
Motor Cars		16
Motor Lorries and Vans		131
Motor Ambulances		24

69th (2nd/East Anglian) DIVISI
Authority—W.E., Part XIV (

Divnl. H.Q.

Infantry :
3 Brigades
(12 Inf. Battalions, with 1

Mounted Troops :
1 Cyclist Company.

Artillery :
H.Q., Divnl. Artillery ;
2 Field Artillery Brigades
(8 batteries—6, 18-pdr.
1 Divnl. Ammn. Coln.

Engineers :
H.Q., Divnl. Engineers ;
3 Field Companies.

Signal Service :
1 Signal Company.

3 Field Ambulances.
1 Sanitary Section.
1 Mobile Veterinary Section.
1 Divnl. Train.

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(England, 1918).
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machine guns each).

F. and 2, 4·5″ How.) ;

, 1918 (ENGLAND).

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590		
44		
	36	
	8	
192		
	192	
536		
661		
16		
13		
6		
24		

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Cyclist Division H.Q.

3 Cyclist Brigades
(9 Cyclist Regts. or Bns.—16 machine guns each—and 3 signal sections, 3 S.A.A. columns, 3 brigade field ambulances, and 3 brigade trains).

Artillery :
H.Q., Cyclist Division Artillery ;
2 R.F.A. Batteries (6, 18-pdr. Q.F. each) and 2 Ammunition Columns.

Signal Service :
1 Cyclist Division Signal Company.

A.S.C. :
H.Q., Cyclist Division A.S.C.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT, MARCH, 1918 (ENGLAND).

5,580		All Ranks.
271		Horses and Mules.
8		Guns.
	8	18-pdr. Q.F.
		4·5″ Hows.
144		Machine Guns.
		Lewis.
	144	Hotchkiss.
31		Carts and Vehicles.
4,607		Cycles.
120		Motor Cycles.
38		Motor Cars.
143		Motor Lorries.
12		Motor Ambulances.

* The Cyclist Division was included in Part 2A, pp. 19–26.

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